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HAWAII---OLD GLORY

Plans of the Administration to Hold and Protect the Islands.

JAPAN'S MIKADO MAY FIND TROUBLE

If He is Looking for It—Rear Admiral Beardsley Has His Orders—And He Will Act.

Washington, July 13.—The administration has taken steps to keep its grip on Hawaii. Any aggressive interference on the part of Japan will result in the landing of marines and the hoisting of the American flag, with or without the ratification of the pending annexation treaty.

The administration, realizing that some crisis might arise while the treaty still hangs fire in the senate, has taken steps to be prepared for any emergency.

Rear Admiral Beardsley will have, when the next steamer arrives in Honolulu, instructions giving him power to act at the first sign of aggression on the part of Japan or trouble of any kind with which the local authorities are not able to cope.

It was not until after the receipt of the last mail advices from Hawaii that the officials considered it necessary to issue any specific instructions to the American minister and the naval commander at Hawaii regarding the course to be pursued in the event of trouble. While believing that the reports concerning the possible aggression by Japan were unnecessarily alarming, the authorities have considered it prudent to have the American representatives in Hawaii clothed with all necessary authority to act promptly and forcibly if the occasion should arise.

They do not believe that Japan, knowing the positive purpose of the United States to annex the islands, will go beyond a little diplomatic bluster to prevent the consummation of our policy.

Rear Admiral Beardsley will be given sufficient force to carry out the program that events may force upon him. It is definitely settled that the battleship Oregon, now en route to San Francisco from Seattle, will be dispatched to Hawaii as soon as she can be prepared for the voyage. This will give Admiral Beardsley three vessels—the Oregon, Philadelphia and Marion. Japan has at present but one vessel in the harbor at Honolulu—the cruiser Naniwa. She has another cruiser at San Francisco awaiting orders which may take her to the Hawaiian Islands.

The senate committee on foreign relations having been informed of the purpose of the administration to assume control of affairs in Hawaii in the event of Japanese interference, do not consider that the annexation treaty is endangered by delay. The treaty will be reported to the senate but unless some unexpected emergency arises in the islands it is not the present intention of the committee to press it to a final vote during the present session.

DISCOVERY OF COAL AND OIL.

Enough Fuel Found in Alaska to Supply the World.

Seattle, Wash., July 13.—Gold prospectors in Alaska, at a point near the sea, discovered what seemed to be a lake of oil, fed by innumerable springs from the surrounding mountains, which are filled with coal. They brought samples to Seattle. Tests proved it as high grade as any from the Pennsylvania wells. Experts sent up have returned to report enough oil and coal to supply the world.

Chicago Bicycle Tax.

Chicago, July 13.—Every bicycle in Chicago will pay a yearly tax of $1, if Mayor Harrison signs the ordinance which the council passed last night. Vehicles of every description are taxed from $2 to $12 per annum under the provisions of the same ordinance.

In the city there are estimated to be 300,000 bicycles and sufficient vehicles to make the revenue derived from the ordinance $1,000,000 per annum. Every dollar of this is to be expended upon the repair and keeping in good condition improved streets.

The Late Senator Harris.

Memphis, Tenn., July 13.—The remains of Senator Harris arrived this morning. The party was met at the station by the Confederate veterans, as a guard of honor, accompanied by the governor and other state officers. The procession moved to the First Methodist church, where the remains were placed in state and viewed by thousands. The interment was at Elmwood cemetery this afternoon.

COAL STRIKE SITUATION.

Gloomy Reports Sent Out from Cleveland—Doleful Predictions.

Cleveland, Ohio, July 13.—Within 48 hours developments of a very definite character are expected in the West Virginia coal fields. A leading operator received a telephone message this morning stating that nine organizers had just left Pittsburg for the West Virginia coal fields. A person who occupies a high official position in the mine workers' union at Pittsburg sent the message. "Reliable advices," he added, "which I received this morning convince me that the West Virginia miners will come out."

Since Saturday the coal strike has assumed very grave aspects, but a full realization of the change did not reach the Cleveland operators and dealers until today. With the exception of a few operators who had inside information they are disposed to speak lightly of the matter, loudly declaring more than enough coal is on hand to supply the country regardless of the outcome of the strike. To all seeming confidence has disappeared. One says: "The situation is very grave. I anticipate some very startling developments within the next 48 hours. I believe West Virginia miners will come out and that will make the tie-up practically complete. From what I can learn I don't hesitate to say that the railroads will hesitate to haul West Virginia and Dearmitt's miners' coal. Engineers and trainmen regard the situation with lowering brows, P. M. Arthur's statement to the contrary notwithstanding. The supply of coal in hand is very short. It will probably not last over a week longer."

Drop in Price of Coal.

Pittsburg, July 13.—No change in the strike situation. Coal which sold up to $1.80 per ton yesterday, took a drop this morning to $1.50. The break was caused by the large amount of coal brought into the city by the railroads. The operators regard this as an indication that the railroads do not fear a long suspension.

DIED AT THE AGE OF 108.

Mrs. Annie Gipson Buried To-Day in Mt. Zion Township.

The death of the oldest person in Macon county occurred Monday afternoon in the northern part of Mt. Zion township. She was Mrs. Annie Gipson, who is said to have been 108 years old. She was a native of Tennessee, and lived in Kentucky several years. She was the mother of one son, William P. Gipson, of Mt. Zion, who is 65 years of age. She lived with her son. A sister, Mrs. Sarah Rider, resides in Mt. Zion township. The deceased did nearly all of her housework up to a month ago. She realized that she was going to die and told her friends that her time had come. The hot weather was too much for her and the sands of life ran out. The funeral took place today.

New York Failure.

New York, July 13.—Decker, Howell & Co., one of the largest brokerage houses in Wall street, has failed.

Representatives of the firm attributed the trouble chiefly to the firm's shortage on sugar. Five years ago the firm failed for $12,000,000 but paid up within 60 days and resumed business.

The announcement on the stock exchange caused much excitement. The firm was one of the largest in the street, and conducted purely a brokerage business. The losses are all local, and will fall on those having speculative accounts with the firm. The assignee believes the liabilities are small.

No Ohio Silver Ticket.

Washington, July 13.—Chairman Towne, of the silver Republican organization has sent a telegram to the committee in Ohio advising against putting a separate state ticket in the field. In an interview he states that no ticket will be placed in the field and that the silver Republicans of Ohio will support the party declaring for silver.

Iowa Colored Masons.

Marshalltown, Iowa, July 13.—The Grand Lodge of Colored Masons of Iowa convened here today for a three days' session, with a fair attendance of delegates. Several hundred more are expected on the evening trains.

Meat Train Wrecked.

Des Moines, Iowa, July 13.—The meat train on the Chicago Northwestern ran into eight cars derailed at Boone city this morning. Eight tramps are supposed to have been killed. The whole train was wrecked.

Decided to Die.

Los Angeles, Cal., July 13.—Nicholas C. Greene, the millionaire mine owner, committed suicide last evening because his wife from whom he had separated insisted upon renewing their marital relations.

Jealousy and Murder.

Vancouver, B. C., July 13.—On one of the principal streets last night W. J. Immel shot and killed his sweetheart, Kitty Ashwe, then shot himself. Jealousy was the cause.

REPUBLICANS MEET.

Gathering of Club Delegates at the City of Detroit—Decorations.

GOV. PINGREE'S WELCOME SPEECH.

Republican Party is Strong Because It is the Party of the People—Discussion of the Situation.

Detroit, Mich., July 13.—Cool, pleasant weather was furnished for the opening of the tenth annual convention of the National League of Republican clubs which convened this morning. The most striking feature in the Auditorium decorations was a life-sized portrait of President McKinley, surmounted by an eagle and surrounded by the stars and stripes. Directly opposite him is the familiar portrait of James G. Blaine. The delegates were seated by states, and filled nearly the entire floor space. The local public looked on from the galleries. The states having the largest delegations were grouped in front and center, the biggest spaces being occupied by Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, New York and Pennsylvania.

President Woodmansee called the convention to order. After prayer by Rev. R. J. Service, President Woodmansee introduced Governor Pingree to deliver the address of welcome on behalf of state. He did that in one sentence, then proceeded to read the convention a lecture on the duties devolving on it. He told the delegates that they were mostly young men, representing the working forces of the party. He reminded them that parties, as well as men, must move forward or they would die. They could not live on memory or hope. Continuing he said: "The Republican party from the day of its birth became a great power because it was a party of the people, and it will remain a great power as long as it remains the party of the people and no longer." He said the great masses of the people were honest and patriotic, willing to share the burdens of civilization, if they can receive a few of its benefits. "Sometimes they become impatient," said he, "and demand an inspection of the books. They know they are not responsible for the present condition of this country. The farmers, mechanics, and principal burden bearers wonder what is to become of the principal of equal taxation. They wonder how and why many privileged classes still exist in this country. The people have been reading and studying, some of them have been thinking. They know the principle of equal taxation is closely allied to the principle of equal rights, and that it is a Republican principle, and they expect the Republican party to enforce it; and they are going to see it enforced." Proceeding he spoke of the home market as our most valuable one, and declared that if he wanted to kill it he would foster trusts to wipe out the small concerns and destroy individuality, which is another name for patriotism. Then he would collect the most taxes from the working classes and let the corporations with watered stock off easy. The people expected relief from the Republican party. The utterances of this convention will be watched with interest.

Governor Pingree was compelled to pause on account of a ripple of applause, caused by the entrance of the Illinois delegation, headed by Governor Tanner. The applause for Pingree was rather faint, mostly from friends in the Michigan delegation. At one point he aroused a genuine burst of applause by reference to the miners' strike, expressing the hope that it would be successful.

Col. H. M. Duffield welcomed the delegates on behalf of the city. He was followed by E. N. Dingley, of Kalamazoo, president of the Michigan league of Republican clubs, in an address of welcome on behalf of that organization.

Duffield to Pingree.

Colonel Duffield said in part in the course of his address: "It has been said by the governor that the hope of this country is in the people, but I tell the governor that the hope of the people is in the Republican party. (Great applause.) The hope of the people has nothing to do with the demagoguism and viturpation of Bryan. The hope of people is in that party which is always true to the poor man and which has been and I trust always will be equally just and true to capital. In a great growing country like this there is always strife between capital and labor, but let us do all we can to make the strife a friendly one. It is easy to oppose corporations and easy to arouse a handclap against them, but friends, this country could not live without corporations. What law should do, what the Republican party should do, is to see to it that the law says to corporations: 'These are your legal limitations, the minute you overstep them, the law will punish and put its hands on you.'"

The president of the National League, D. D. Woodmansee, of Cincinnati, then delivered the annual address.

A resolution was adopted directing telegram of greeting to be sent to President McKinley, congratulating him on the success of the Republican administration, asserting that the promised prosperity is near fulfillment and declaring that the league has always been Mr. McKinley's friend, and will always uphold his hands in advancing the interests of the country. The following telegram from President McKinley was read:

"I offer my heartiest congratulations on the tenth annual convention of the Republican League and my continued best wishes for the increased usefulness prosperity this worthy organization."

Telegrams of regret were read from Vice President Hobart, Secretary Sherman, Senators Allison, Quay, Burorws, Speaker Reed, Congressman Grosvenor, Dingley, Henderson, Secretary Alger, Gary, Gage, Long, Wilson and others. The states were called on the selection of members of the various committees. All resolutions were referred to the committees on resolutions. The convention then adjourned until tomorrow morning.

BOTH SISTERS OF MRS. M'DONALD

Cruel Treatment by Tramps of Two Ladies in West Virginia.

The following telegram appeared in the Chicago Record on Saturday last:

Parkersburg, W. Va., July 9.—News of an outrage committed near Waverly by tramps reached this city today. Wednesday night three men entered the residence of Mary E. and Fannie Sisson, two unmarried women who live alone a short distance below Waverly. The tramps asked for something to eat and received it. When they had eaten they demanded what money the women had. Thoroughly frightened, the women directed the men to the place where it could be found. The amount secured is said to be large. The tramps then bound and gagged both women and ransacked the house. Finding nothing more, they took a lot of silverware and made off, leaving their victims bound. They lay thus for more than 48 hours, suffering terribly, when they were released by a neighbor.

Their limbs were so badly injured by the ropes, which had cut through the skin and deep into the flesh, that they scarcely could stand or move, and the shock sustained from the treatment they had received made their condition serious. One has partially recovered, but the other will die. The tramps are supposed to have escaped down the Ohio river in a stolen skiff. A posse is in pursuit."

The Misses Sisson are sisters of Mrs. Nancy L. McDonald, of this city, mother of Attorney E. S. McDonald and the McDonald brothers, of Long Creek and Mt. Zion township. Mrs. McDonald left last night for West Virginia to visit her sisters.

LUCKY TAYLOR OF DECATUR.

Pinned Money in His Shirt, Gave It to a Laundryman and Had It Restored.

A press telegram from San Francisco, Cal., under date of July 11, says: "William H. Taylor, of Decatur, Ill., one of the visiting Christian Endeavorers, reported yesterday to the police that, in company with his friends, Alexander and Hugh Moore, he took three soiled linen shirts to a laundry last Friday to be washed. Later he discovered that he had left pinned to the inside of one of the shirts a $10 greenback, two $5 greenbacks and three drafts, two of which were for $25 each and the other for $50. Patrolman Ryan and O'Dea were told at the laundry that the bundle had been sent to another place. At that place they learned that the bundle had not yet been received. Returning to Fifth street, they made a search of the place and found the valuable bundle tucked away in a corner. The currency and the drafts were found pinned to the shirt just as they were when delivered to the laundry." The Decatur directory does not contain the name of W. H. Taylor. He may be a tourist from this vicinity, however.

ARM BROKEN.

Accident to Luella Witzeman at the Philip Ritter Place.

Last evening Luella Witzeman, aged 8 years, daughter of Albert C. Witzeman, of 509 East Condit street, while in a hammock with her sister and another girl, fell out of the hammock at the home of Philip Ritter and sustained a compound fracture of the left arm. Dr. Ira N. Barnes was called to reduce the fracture.

Heavy Rain in Connecticut.

New Haven, Conn., July 13.—Up to this morning 3.3 inches of rain has fallen in eight hours. At 9 o'clock the rain is still falling in torrents.

The teachers of Livingston county are to hold their annual convention at Pontiac, August 2 to 7.

TALK ABOUT TARIFF

The Wilson Bill Likely to be Supplanted by the Dingley Bill This Week.

MAY MODIFY CIVIL SERVICE ORDER

Deputy Collectors of Internal Revenues and Customs to be Placed Outside the Rules — Hawaiian Treaty.

Washington, July 13.—(From Our Regular Correspondent.)—Although the secrecy maintained by the senators and representatives on the conference committee which is at work on the tariff bill passed by the senate last week is aggravating to the newsgatherers, it is considered absolutely necessary to avoid delay in the final disposition of the bill. If each agreement reached by the conference should be announced, there would be no peace for the members of the committee, owing to the objections of those who are interested. It has also been determined, to avoid delay, that no partial reports shall be made to the house and senate, everything being held back until a final agreement has been reached. Experience has proven that partial reports are productive of much delay, especialy when the measure under consideration is of such a complicated nature as a tariff bill necessarily is. Although there is nothing official on the subject, I have excellent reasons for saying that the Republican conferees—the Democratic conferees will take no part in the conferences until the Republicans have reached an agreement—expect to complete their work this week.

President McKinley has indicated quite plainly to a number of prominent Republicans that he has about decided to modify Mr. Cleveland's orders for the extension of the civil service rules, and the president's order may be expected at any time. It is not yet certain how far this modification will go, but it is the impression of those who have talked with Major McKinley on the subject that deputy collectors of internal revenue, who have charge of the distribution of stamps, and deputy collectors of customs, who are in charge of substations, will be among those placed outside of the civil service rules.

As was stated in this correspondence several months ago, Mr. Cleveland's consolidation of pension agencies, announced to go into effect September 1, 1897, will not go into effect. The Cleveland order will in due time be officially revoked by President McKinley, a thorough investigation having shown that the government would save nothing by the proposed consolidation, and that it would greatly inconvenience thousands of pensioners.

The report that Japan will file an additional and stronger protest against the annexation of Hawaii excites such very little interest in Washington that nobody appears to care whether it turns out to be true or not. Hawaii will be annexed in due time, and Senator Morgan, a dyed-in-the-wool Democratic member of the committee on foreign relations, says that if President McKinley wishes the treaty to be ratified at the present session of congress, instead of at the regular session, next winter, he has only to say so and it will be done.

The death of Senator Harris, of Tennessee, has once more made Representatives McMillin and Richardson, of that state, rivals; they both want to go to the senate, just as they both wanted the minority leadership in the house, that went to Bailey, of Texas.

Secretary Alger has accepted an invitation to deliver an address at a G. A. R. reunion at Spirit Lake, Iowa, on the 21st inst., and from there he will go to Chicago to be present at the unveiling of the Logan statue on the 22d inst. President McKinley is very anxious to be present at the latter event, and if congress adjourns this week, he will go. There is a strong probability that congress will adjourn as soon as the tariff bill has been agreed to, as it is unlikely that there will be any serious attempt to secure action on the president's currency commission recommendation at this session; at least, not in the senate. The house may act upon it. Present indications are that the tariff bill will be completed and signed by the president before the end of the week.

President and Mrs. McKinley have decided to spend a greater part of their vacation on Lake Champlain, which makes it certain that they will not be able to make their contemplated visit to the Pacific coast this summer. They will not give up the idea, however, as the president is very anxious to see that section of the country and will go at the first opportunity, probably next summer.

MARKET REPORT.

BY B. Z. TAYLOR.

Chicago, July 13.—Wheat opened higher, played around the opening until it was nearly time for the bell, and then jumped up in the air. The trade was vastly improved, and the activity of the market was a relief after the stagnation of the past few days. Cables were mostly responsible for the higher opening, as Liverpool was ⅝d above last night and London was rather steadier. A later cable from Liverpool reported September wheat three 1d above yesterday's close and the closing cable reported wheat as closing today at a gain of ⅝d over Monday's last figures, this advance being equal to ⅜c per bushel. Consols: Money and account at 112⅝. London reported some continental enquiry, which undoubtedly helped the price to a certain extent. The total clearances today were rather small, being 52,515 wheat and 16,973 flour, equally together 130,000 bushels of wheat, less than half as large as yesterday. Today's clearances brought the week's, so far, up to 398,000 bushels, and the month so far, up to 2,878,000 bushels. Of the 17 cars of wheat received in Chicago today, but 3 were contract in grade. The northwestern receipts were smaller than a week ago or a year ago, though the figures for a week ago are for two days. Minneapolis got 206 today, and Duluth got 155, a total of 361, against 760 (Minneapolis 520, Duluth 240) a week ago, and 97 (Minneapolis 109, Duluth 388) a year ago.

Corn opened a little above yesterday's bell figures, jollied about the opening, and was very restricted in its range all day. There was little going on, and the market was rather inactive. Cables were unchanged from start to finish. The predictions say fair and slightly warmer for Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Dakotas, Arizona and Wisconsin, while Michigan is to be partly cloudy, with showers east. 455 cars graded today. Total clearances 391,490. Week so far 742,090. Month so far 4,616,977.

Oats opened where they left off last night, and fooled around all day without getting more than an eighth away from the start, but showed the effect of wheat's late rally. Trade small, market inactive.

Provisions opened lower all around and pork and lard sold up, with lower prices for ribs. Trade a little better, but market still inactive.

Peoria.

Peoria, July 13.—Corn steady, No. 2, 24¾; oats irregular, No. 2 white, 19¼; rye quiet, nominal.

New York.

New York, July 13.—Butter steady, 11 to 15¾; eggs steady, 11½ to 13.

September wheat 72¾; corn 31¾; oats 23¾.

St. Louis.

St. Louis, July 13.—Wheat, cash 69¾, September 68⅝; corn, cash 35, September 35⅛; oats, cash 17⅛, September 17¾.

Chicago—Poultry.

Chicago, July 13.—Live poultry firm; turks 6@7c, chickens 8c, springers 12@14c, ducks 6@7c. Butter steady; creamery 12@14½c, dairy 9@12c. Eggs steady; 8½c.

CHICAGO, Ill., July 13.

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—				
July	70⅝	71¾	70⅝	71¾
Sept	66⅝	67⅝	66	67
Dec., (New)	68⅛	69⅛	68	68¾
Corn—				
July	25¾	25¾	25⅝	25⅝
Sept	26⅝	26⅝	26½	26⅝
Dec	27⅞	27⅞	27⅝	27⅝
Oats—				
July	17¾	17⅞	17⅝	17⅝
Sept	18¼	18⅜	18⅛	18¼
Dec				
Pork—				
Sept	7.45	7.57½	7.42½	7.55
Lard—				
Sept	3.87½	4.00	3.85	3.92
Ribs—				
Sept	4.30	4.35	4.25	4.32

Sept. wheat: Puts, 66⅝; Calls, 67⅝; Curb, 67.

To-Day's Receipts—Car Lots.

Wheat—17. Estimated, 25. Year ago, 394
Corn—753; Estimated, 810; a year ago, 164.
Oats—381; Estimated, 385; a year ago, 228.

Estimates for To-Morrow.

Wheat, 31; Corn, 400; Oats, 170.

Hogs.

Hog receipts, 22,000; estimated 21,000.
Market slow and weaker.
Light, $3.37@$3.52; Mixed, $3.22@$3.50; Heavy, $3.30@$3.42; Rough, $3.10@$3.25.
Estimated for to-morrow, 30,000.

Cattle.

Cattle receipts, 4,500. Market steady.

Suicide Near Macon.

Word was received in Macon this morning that Fernando Bromley, living seven and one half miles east of Macon, had committed suicide by hanging himself to the porch.

Mr. Bromley was about 70 years of age and owned a farm of 160 acres. He had lived on the farm many years, and was widely known in the southern part of the county.

Passed Through.

Gover Tanner, James H. Paddock, W. B. Ridgely, J. Otis Humphrey and Frank L. Hatch, all of Springfield, passed through Decatur last night over the Wabash, bound for Detroit to attend the national convention of Republican clubs.

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NOVEL POSTAL SERVICE.

Over It Uncle Sam Has No Control.

How the People on Santa Catalina Island, in the South Pacific Ocean, Get Their Mail—Fast-Flying Letter Carriers.

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Out on the Pacific coast there has been established what is probably the most novel postal service in the world. It is not under government control, and Uncle Sam has nothing to do with the appointment of the operators.

This line is between Santa Catalina island, lying 20 miles out at sea and Los Angeles, Cal., and the postmen are trim, saucy little carrier pigeons—whose feathered coats, oddly enough, are precisely the bluish gray shade of the regulation postman's uniform. Every day during the three summer months, and sometimes twice a day, these tiny messengers fly from the island across the ocean channel and over the land—30 miles, air line—to their loft in Los Angeles, bearing beneath their wings not only dispatches to private persons but a daily budget of news for the city press.

The owners and originators of what is now known as the Catalina carrier pigeon service are two bright Los Angeles boys—the Zahn brothers. Catalina island is one of the most popular summer resorts on the Pacific coast, the more so it came to pass that every summer several thousand people found themselves literally "at sea," practically cut off from the outside world. A steamer lands at Avalon the principal resort on the island once each day, arriving at six o'clock p. m. and returning to the main land at seven o'clock the following morning. Although communication with the outside world was therefore cut off for 24 hours, a thing frequently happened that was extremely necessary to get immediately and from causes of accident or business. There were no telegraph or telephone wires, and the situation became grave.

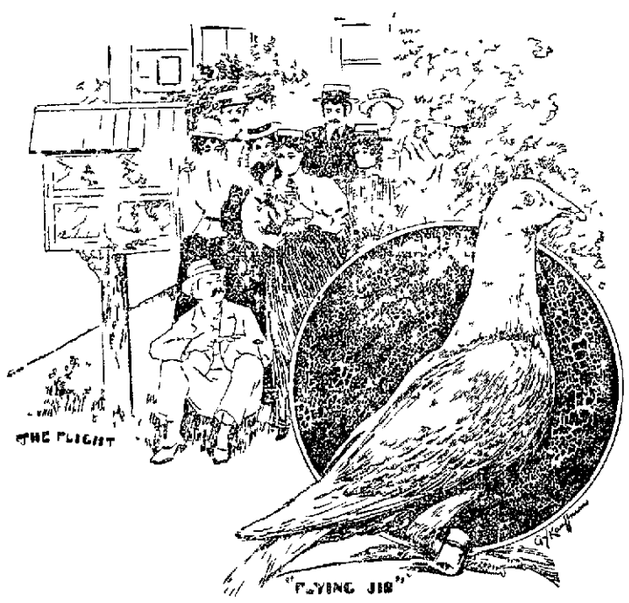
One day two business men were discussing the matter. Why not train some carrier pigeons to fly between Catalina and here? Why, that's the idea, let us try them. They had been interested in the raising of pigeons for several years and had in their loft some of the best of the breed. It never had occurred to them before to put the birds to practical use. Sooner than [illegible] the birds would [illegible] but a hero of [illegible] and [illegible] enthusiasm [illegible] with the most [illegible] the home loft in Los Angeles.

At first the only thought was to send private messages, but it soon occurred to the editor of one of the enterprising city dailies to have the daily correspondence from the island transmitted by the pigeon line. As the steamer left Catalina early in the morning the news budget, if sent by mail, was necessarily 24 hours old when it appeared in print. While by using the pigeons a message could leave the island late in the afternoon and be published the following morning. The experiment was therefore tried. The message was closely typewritten on the thinnest tissue paper, rolled in a compact little bundle about as large around as a lead pencil and an inch long and securely wired to the bird's leg. Then the fluttering impatient little creature was tossed into the air along with two or three companions as an escort of honor and the anxious eyes of hundreds of spectators watched the tiny messengers as they circled about, rising higher and higher to get their bearings, and then gradually fading to mere specks as they winged their way across the water. Scarcely more than an hour later these journalistic birds appeared at the home loft, the message was detached and next morning a column of Catalina news appeared under the heading in big type "By Homing Pigeon 'Flying Jib,' of the Catalina Carrier Pigeon Service." The experiment was a great success and every day thereafter for three months the news was brought over by the birds.

The service has now been in operation for three summers, and the boys have reaped a fine financial harvest from this novel mode of telegraph. The birds are sent back to the island each day in boxes made for the purpose and are released at [illegible] o'clock the following afternoon. A few old birds are now trained for the Catalina service, and a failure rarely occurs. It sometimes happens, however, that a lazy bird lingers by the way and does not get home till the following morning, when it is too late to publish the message. The truant is promptly marked unreliable and relegated to the pot.

One warm day last summer the birds were liberated as usual at three o'clock in the afternoon. They rose slowly in the air, and after circling about a few times alighted on the ridgepole of the Hotel Metropole, where they sat cooing softly to each other apparently without the slightest intention of proceeding on their journey. The fuming correspondent watched them in mental agony for some time and then summoned their owner, who shot arrows near the recreant birds to remind them that it was quite time to start, but they only winked mischievously and sauntered up and down the ridgepole in the most unconcerned manner. Then they sat down side by side and apparently discussed the advisability of starting. Evidently they concluded it was too warm to travel, for they settled down as stolid as pure fowls, utterly unmindful of the shower of arrows which the infuriated young manager showered about them, nor did they stir from that ridgepole till 11 o'clock the next day, when they lifted their wings and [illegible].

A pathetic incident occurred in the summer of '95. The bird bearing the newspaper message on one occasion did not reach its loft in Los Angeles. It was not known what had become of him till the following day, when the editor of the paper received a letter from a farmer stating that he had found a carrier pigeon that morning lying dead in his barn. The poor little bird had apparently flown till exhausted. Attached to his leg was a message addressed to the editor, and the thoughtful finder had detached it and forward



ed it to its destination. The following was [illegible] "Flying Jibs" Last Message."

The poor old bird and an [illegible] and his untimely death was mourned by all who knew him.

People sometimes make very serious demands on the carrier pigeon service. One day in Arizona capitalists wanted to know the result of a certain business transaction at Los Angeles. The birds were released at daybreak, and the business was duly completed and the answer was in the hands of the capitalists in Arizona long before the city messenger who was sent upon the same errand could have even reached the place.

The fastest time ever made by a carrier pigeon in this service was that of Pex, the fastest of the flyers, who covered the distance of 30 miles in 30 minutes. By steamer and rail the money from the island to Los Angeles occupies four hours and a half, and the average time of flight by the birds is only one hour and a half.

R. A. B.

Wanted Information.

He was carrying a long pole around which a slender line was wrapped, and in one hand he had a can that evidently contained bait.

Presently he met a man.

"Hello," said the man, "are you going fishing?"

"Yep," he replied, and passed on.

After awhile he met a boy.

"Hi," the boy yelled, "goin' fishin' ain't you?"

"Yep," he answered, and proceeded upon his way.

Ltfsoon an equestrian overtook him and reined in his charger long enough to ask:

"Well, are you going fishing?"

"Yep," he returned, and still kept on.

Presently there appeared upon the horizon a man in a buggy, and in due time he smiled pleasantly and said:

"Ah, going fishing, I suppose?"

The man with the rod and line and bait stopped, looked at his questioner a moment and then asked:

"Do I look as if I were going to a strawberry festival or anything of that kind?"

Then, without waiting for an answer, he climbed a fence and slunk along secluded paths as if he had been an escaped culprit. And while he fished he said to himself:

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Rev. A. M Dauely had another rainy Sabbath, but met a few of his parishioners at Long Creek at 10:30 a. m. The preaching service at Mt Zion was deferred because of the Sabbath school convention at the C. P. church.

The Wabash offers you choice of three trains to Chicago for $2.00 on Saturday and Sunday, July 17th and 18th.

Many persons summering in the back of the house hear the door bell ring, but do not answer it.

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Don't plan to receive a letter any certain day or you will be almost sure to meet with disappointment.

The Illinois Central will run another $2 excursion to Chicago on Saturday and Sunday, July 17 and 18. Tickets good going on 7:10 a. m. and 11:52 a. m. train of Saturday and 1:32 a. m. train of Sunday morning. Good returning on Diamond Special Sunday night.—10 d1w

To realize the acme of torture, have a hair pin that you cannot reach pressing directly upon your brain.

The Township Sunday school convention at Mt. Zion on Sabbath was a success in every way. The morning service was rained out, but the afternoon and evening services were largely attended. The topics elicited spirited discussion and the song service was inspiring. Mr. Boice was elected vice president for next year.

State Firemen's Tournament.

Illinois State Firemen's tournament, Monmouth, Ill., July 27, 28, 29, 1897 The largest meeting of firemen ever held in the west. The P., D. & E. will give rate of one fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale July 26, good to return until and including July 30, 1897.—9-d10t

"A Complicated Case" To-Night.

Mark E. Swan's stock company was seen to great advantage last night in "Miss Weatherford," a piece with a strong touch of patriotism. Some of the lines evoked great enthusiasm. Tonight the play will be "A Complicated Case," the brightest comedy in the repertoire of the company. This is the last performance of this play. "East Lynne" is underlined.

Something to Know.

It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centres in the stomach, gently stimulates the liver and kidneys, and aids these organs in throwing off impurities in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids digestion, and is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it. Sold for 50c or $1.00 per bottle at the drug stores of J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

CITY COUNCIL.

Business Transacted by the Aldermen at the Council Meeting Last Evening.

CONTRACTS FOR SEWERS ARE LET

And the Ordinance Prohibiting the Exhibition of Prize Fight Pictures Repealed—Other Matters Settled.

At the meeting of the city council last evening the ordinance prohibiting the exhibition of prize fight pictures was repealed. The vote on the passage of the ordinance providing for the repeal was a tie and the mayor voted yea and declared it passed. The original ordinance prohibiting the exhibition of the pictures was passed several months ago by the last council. It was at the time when the kenetiscope pictures of the prize fight were first introduced and considerable part was taken in the action by persons outside of the council.

Among other business transacted by the council last evening was the awarding of the bids for four sewers. Below is given the details of the meeting.

Petitions.

Dr. W. J. Chenoweth asked permission to erect over the sidewalk on William street side of his building a platform 12x 12 feet and to be 20 feet above the walk. Referred to sidewalk and crossing committee with power to act.

A. Walt in a communication to the council called atention to the fact that the street paving in front of his store was in need of repair and asked that the street superintendent be instructed to repair the same. Referred to street and alley committee.

About 20 property owners protested against the construction of lateral sewer in the alley between Condit and Orchard streets on the grounds that they were unable to pay for the work. The communication was laid on the table.

Pay Roll.

The street superintendent reported that his pay roll for the week amounted to $88.77. A warrant was ordered drawn for the amount.

Pave This Year.

The public improvement committee recommended that the following streets be paved this year: Herkimer from Water to Jasper. Jasper from Herkimer to Locust. Broadway from Wabash avenue to Sangamon. Sangamon from Broadway to Morgan. Morgan from Wabash avenue to Herkimer. North Main from Wabash railroad to P. D. and E. railway. West North from College Hill to Van Dyke. West Eldorado from West end of present paving west to Fairlawn park.

Mr. Gogerty moved that Jasper street be added to the streets to be paved this year. A vote was taken and the motion was lost. A vote was then taken to adopt the report and it was carried.

The committee appointed to investigate what changes were necessary to make at the water wers reported that many improvements were necessary and recommended that a committee be appointed to take full charge of the matter. The report was adopted. Mr. Drake moved that the mayor take charge of the improvements to be made and the motion was carried.

Marshal's Report.

The city marshal reported that during the month of June there had been 79 arrests Fines assessed amounted to $268; fines collected $180 Referred to the city comptroller, together with the report of the police justices.

Ordinances.

The blank ordinance for the annual tax levy was referred to the finance committee to fill out the blanks.

An ordinance repealing the ordinance which prohibited the exhibition of prize fight pictures was read. A motion to suspend the rules for the passage was carried by a vote of 10 to 4. Drake, Gebhart, Montgomery and Young voting nay. The vote was then taken on the passage of the ordinance and was a tie, Gogerty, Gebhart, Montgomery, Young, Knowlton, Drake and Mathias voting nay. It remained with the mayor and as he voted yes the ordinance was passed.

Resolutions.

That a committee of three be appointed by the mayor to act in conjunction with the board of supervisors in redistricting the townships and city of Decatur. Adopted. The mayor appointed Drake, Montgomery and Mathias to act as the committee.

That the property owners cut the weeds on their lots. Adopted.

That the fund of $4000 set aside for cleaning the streets be divided in seven equal parts. The resolution was signed by nine aldermen. Dewitt said that seven aldermen had promised to have clean streets and that the amount set aside was for cleaning the paved streets. Some wards only had a small amount of paved streets and it would be unfair to divide the fund. Hill thought each ward was entitled to their share whether the money was used for either paved or unpaved streets. The mayor said that $2000 of the money had already been used. A vote to lay on the table resulted in a tie, and the mayor declared it laid on the table.

Committee Reports.

A committee composed of Aldermen Hill and Gogerty reported unfavorably on the drainage of the pool of water on the Illinois Central right of way as they are not within the city limits grant the Illinois Central company the right to tap the sewer which they must do. Report adopted.

The city attorney recommended that the ordinance in regard to license being required to put up electric appliances be not passed. The report was adopted.

To Advertise for Bids.

Mr. Montgomery moved that the city clerk be instructed to advertise for bids for the work of the streets which are to be improved this year. It was suggested that the water and pipe connections had not been made on streets which are to be paved. There was some discussion on the subject and the mayor suggested that the connections be made and charged to the property. Gogerty said that where one person owned considerable property the cost would be too great. Mr. Montgomery thought it would be well to pass an ordinance which will provide that the street shall not be torn up within five years after the pavement is put down and that the street superintendent notify the property owners to that effect. A motion that the street superintendent notify the property owners was passed.

Bids Awarded.

The bids for the building of four sewers were opened and four contracts were awarded. There were six bidders and each bid on all four sewers. A recess of fifteen minutes was taken and the finance committee recommended the awarding of the bids and the council accepted the recommendation. The following shows the location of the sewers, the parties to whom the contracts were awarded and the names and bids of the other bidders:

Between Orchard and Condit from Jasper to Woodford. Contract awarded to Decatur Plumbing and Heating Co. at 42 cents per foot. Other bidders were: Mueller Mfg Co. 63 cents, C. S. Hankins 62 cents, H. S. Gebhart 49¾ cents, H. C. Dempsey 45½ cents, R. F. Kincaid 45½ cents.

Between Hickory and Division from Warren to Broadway. Contract awarded to R. F. Kincaid at 38 cents per foot. Other bidders were: Decatur Plumbing and Heating Co. 39 cents, H. Mueller Mfg. Co. 46 cents, C. S. Hankins 57 cents, H. S. Gebhart 42½ cents, H. C. Dempsey 41 cents.

Between Herkimer and Waggoner from Warren to Boradway. Contract awarded to R. F. Kincaid at 37 cents per foot. Other bidders were C. S. Hawkins 50 cents, H. Mueller Mfg. Co. 47 cents, Decatur Plumbing and Heating Co. 39 cents, H. S. Gebhart 42½ cents, H. C. Dempsey 42 cents.

Between North Morgan and Broadway from Division to Lincoln avenue. Contract awarded to H S. Gebhart at 43¼ cents per foot. Other bidders were: R. F. Kincaid 45 cents, H. C. Dempsey 47 cents, Decatur Plumbing and Heating Co. 53 cents, H. Mueller Mfg. Co 55 cents, C. S. Hankins 56 cents.

The Death Record.

Fred Holl died at the family residence at 846 North Lowber street, Monday afternoon, July 12, at 4:30 o'clock aged 73 years, 7 months and 28 days. Mr. Holl was born in Konigsbrun ober amt Heidenheim Wurteberg, Germany, November 14, 1823. In May, 1853, at Albany, N. Y., he married Miss Eva Kellar, a native of Switzerland. To them were born eight children; three died in infancy One daughter, Miss Louise Holl, died just eighteen months ago. Four children and an aged wife survive him. The children are Mrs. Andrew Seiler, Mrs. Johnnie Owens, Mrs. Frank Griesser and Louis Holl, all of this city. Mr. Holl was an old and highly respected citizen, having lived in this city at his late residence 32 years. Mr. Holl was overcome with the heat Saturday, but recovered and was thought to be out of danger, but died suddenly Monday afternoon at 4:30.

Yesterday C. C. Radcliff received word of the death of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Radcliff, which occurred at 8 o'clock Sunday afternoon at her home in Frederick, Md. She was 78 years of age and at one time resided in Sangamon county, Ill.

State Printers to Meet in Decatur.

Arrangements are being made for the holding of the annual convention of the State Typographical union in Decatur, September 7. The appointment of committees was left with the president, Wilbur Hoppin. He has named the following committees:

Arrangements—O. D. Hill, C. D. Hamill, E. R. Sonnenstine.

Finances—W. L. Hall, F. W. Ayers, L. L. Underwood.

Invitation—W. L. Hall, E. A. P. Winter, G. W. Shaffer.

Reception—E. J. Barnum, C D. Hamill, Tom Lindsay, O. D. Hill, C. V. Ford.

Entertainment—Eugene Linxwiler, O. D. Hill, W. L. Hall.

The convention will be held in the supervisors' room at the court house.

Coal Shed on Fire.

A small shed at the corner of South Main and Washington streets, property owned by A. F. Ross, was on fire last night at 10 o'clock, bringing out the department. The shed was damaged $5 and the contents, a shooting gallery outfit, belonging to Frank Ross, were scorched to the extent of $70.

BOY ONCE LIVED IN DECATUR.

Lost for a Year, at Last Turns Up at Little Rock.

A telegram from Little Rock, Ark. reads as follows: "Elijah Jackson, 12 years old, who was kidnapped in St. Louis about a year ago, and who escaped from his abductors at Arkadelphia, Ark., was confined in the city calaboose here this afternoon, charged with having stolen a quantity of clothing west of Little Rock a few days ago. The mystery surrounding the boy's disappearance grew to the proportions of that attached to the mysterious taking off of the Susanka boy or the celebrated Charley Ross. His loss killed his father, while his mother has searched the country from one end to the other for her lost child and a telegram from here this afternoon says she will arrive here on the next train to get him. Elijah is a very handsome boy, but says he does not remember who it was that tried to steal him and take him to Los Angeles. He has been wandering over this state for the last year, footsore and hungry most of the time, and says he had forgotten where he came from. The family moved to St. Louis from Decatur, Ill."

THE FIREMEN'S TOURNAMENT.

Preparations for the Greatest Meeting in Galesburg, July 27, 28 and 29, Ever Held.

All western Illinois is going to Monmouth to take in the Ninth Annual Illinois Firemen's Tournament, July 27, 28, 29, which will be the largest meeting of firemen on record. $1000 in cash will be contested for and state championships awarded in hose, hook and ladder and foot races, ladder climbing and hose coupling contests. A immense firemen's parade, in which every portion of the state will be represented, will be on the first day. Among other special attractions will be a hot hand engine contest between Peoria No. 4 and Elmwood, and also a fine exhibition by the Chicago Pompier Corps under the direction of the famous chief, D. J. Sweenie, showing how life is saved from the Chicago sky scrapers. A galaxy of music will be furnished by the famous Fifth Regiment Band (36 pieces) of Canton, Spencer's Band of Peoria, Blue Island Band of Chicago, Mt. Carroll Band, Farmington Band, Bushnell Band, Monmouth Marine Band and others. All railroads in Illinois have given a one fare rate for this meeting.

CIRCULAR OF NEW LAWS.

Distribution of Enactments Concerning Educational Matters.

A circular has been issued from the office of the superintendent of public instruction which contains the enactment of the last general assembly relative to schools. Eighteen thousand of them have been distributed over the state. Among the many laws and changes noticeable are the compulsory attendance act, which is much more positive than the law which it repeals; classes for deaf children, as part of the public school may be established in districts having the required number of such children, which there is an additional provision has been made that "adequate time and attention shall be given to the instruction in the best methods of teaching physiology and hygiene." Owing to the pressure of work in the office of the state printer, it will be several weeks before copies of the school laws of 1896-1897 are out.

List of Patents.

Granted to Illinois inventors this week Reported by C. A. Snow & Co., patent attorneys, Washington, D. C.:

M. M. Billmire, Ashton, rod or bolt wrench; F. J. Kittinger, Spring Valley bridle; J. S. Gill, Flora, kitchen cabinet; E. D. Greene, Barry, spring wheel for vehicles; G. Lehberger, Joliet, machine for forming hooked head on wire bale ties; E. W. Loomis, Elgin, wagon or other vehicle; A. T. Miller, Eyeless or other button fastener; A. W. Peterson, Melrose Park, automatic cradle; J. Q. Primm, Loyd, gate; J. Spaet, Moline, book support; F. J. Stallings, Effingham, saw filing and setting machine; L. A. Wright, Champaign, coin operated machine. For copy of any patent send 10 cents in postage stamps with date of this paper to C. A. Snow & Co., Washington, D. C.

Indian Lodge Officers.

The election of officers of Chippewa tribe, No. 351, O. R. M., at their meeting last night, resulted as follows:

Prophet—N. E. Martin.
Sachem—I. E. Eller.
Senior Sagimore—Alfred Poll
Junior Sagimore—O. W. Smith
Trustees—S H. Barnett, J. E. Judge.
Chief of Records—Elkin Chandler.

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TUESDAY, JULY 13, 1897.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Chicago, July 13—Illinois: Partly cloudy; slightly warmer tonight and Wednesday; fresh northerly winds, becoming variable.

The Coal Strike Lesson.

Perhaps some of our Decatur coal miners and workingmen will remember that William M. Springer made a speech in the tabernacle in 1894, in which he said that reducing the tariff on coal in the Wilson tariff would not injure the miners in the west; that all the coal that would come in on account of lower duties would come to New England, where the miners of the west did not sell a pound of coal. The Republican at the time in criticising that speech predicted that the lower duty on coal would result in the Nova Scotia coal taking the New England market and would drive out the West Virginia and Pennsylvania coal; that in time the coal mined in these states would compete for a market further west; that in this they would be aided by the railroads as they would seek the business of hauling it and thus it would not be long until the miners in Illinois as well as the eastern miners would be injured by free coal.

The strike of the coal miners has brought to the public attention the foregoing facts as to the effect of the Wilson tariff law upon this industry. The Wilson law, it will be remembered reduced the rates of duty on coal 35 cents per ton, it having been 75 cents per ton under the McKinley law and reduced to 40 cents per ton under the Wilson law. Curiously President Ratchford of the United Mine Workers' association states that the wages of miners have been reduced about 35 cents per ton since 1893, the very year in which the free trade congress met and began framing the Wilson act, which reduced duties 35 cents per ton. The moment the Wilson law passed, coal from the Nova Scotia mines began invading the markets on the Atlantic coast, especially New England, and drove out of those markets the West Virginia coal which had always found an outlet at fair prices. This West Virginia coal was thus compelled to seek a market in the west in competition with the coals of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky. The result was a sharp competition, a fall in prices, a ruinous rate war, not only between mine owners, but also between the railroads, and as a consequence a reduction in the wages of miners. Thus the very low wages of the coal miners of the country who are now striking for an advance are directly and logically traceable to the operations of the Wilson law. The pending bill restores McKinley rates on coal and after it gets into operation will, it is hoped, result in improved conditions and wages for miners as well as others.

But in spite of this expensive lesson in coal; in spite of similar expensive lessons in other products similarly affected by a low tariff, thousands of men are listening now to such statesmen as Springer along other lines equally injurious to workingmen. How long will it be until men will learn to read and think for themselves instead of being deceived by professional friends of labor who never did labor ten cents worth of good, but millions of dollars of harm?

President McKinley's bimetallic commission is evidently receiving much encouragement in Europe despite the sneers of the silverites, who have insisted from the first that it would accomplish nothing. A recent dispatch from London quotes the National Review as saying that the joint statement from France and the United States with reference to silver will receive from England a reply to the effect that "the government is willing to reopen India's mints and make a further substantial contribution to the rehabilitation of silver by extending its use in England by increasing the legal tender of silver, making silver the basis of notes, empowering the Bank of England to use its silver reserve, and that material assistance and strong moral support will be given to the object which the United States and France have in view."

Secretary Gage, who has exceptional facilities for testing the business facilities of the country, said in a recent statement: "The evidence I have obtained from all sections of the country, from the press, from callers, from persons, and from correspondence, all points in one direction, an actual improvement in trade and manufactures."

The lines between the gold Democrats and the silver shouters are being as closely drawn as last fall. Chairman Bynum of the gold Democracy has opened headquarters in New York and announces that he and his party are ready to hit a head whenever they see one in the coming campaign, provided that head favors the free coinage of silver.

People who are anxious to see a general reform in the monetary system of the United States may rest assured that a proposition upon this subject is being carefully framed and will be presented to congress either during the special session or as soon as congress meets in its regular session next December, and that every Republican vote will be cast in favor of some measure of this character.

An order for 800 pounds of butter a day from a single London firm is one result of one of the efforts of Secretary Wilson's late experiments in making a better market for our dairy product abroad. He has just received a communication from a London firm asking that the entire butter product of the Iowa State College, amounting to about 800 pounds per day be forwarded to London regularly until further notice.

The new tariff law will, it is confidently believed, produce ample revenue to meet the running expenses of the government after the first few months of its operation. The fact that several months' supply of wool has been imported since the introduction of the Dingley bill explains the prospective shortage in receipts during the early operations of the law.

PERSONAL MENTION.

—Arthur Wait went to Vermont yesterday to visit relatives.

—Miss Blanche Shinn is confined to her home by illness.

—Charles E. Head is very ill at his home on East William street.

—Sheriff J. P. Nicholson is home from Lafayette, Indiana, where he went on business.

—Mrs. Will Barnes left to day for Danville, N. Y., where she will visit friends for a month.

—Mrs. J. W. Race and Mrs. G. D. Thomas and son, Race, have gone to Lawrenceburg, Ind., to visit friends.

—Miss Jennie Temple, of St. Louis, who arrived in the city at noon today, is a guest of Miss Anna Strohm.

—Attorney W. K. Whitfield, formerly of Decatur, and Miss Addah O. Wright, will be married on July 21 at Sullivan.

—Rev. A. W. Hawkins is in Clinton to day to make an address before the Sunday School and Church Extension Institute.

—Misses Van Leer and Mrs. Sherrick, of Bloomington, are in the city to attend the country dance which will be given this evening at the home of Henry Martin, north of the city.

—J. J. Sheppard has returned from Milwaukee, Wis., where he attended the convention of National Educational association. Mrs. Mary Hayworth and Prof. F. W. Westhoff are in attendance at the meeting.

BASE BALL.

National League.

Baltimore 9, St. Louis 5.
Boston 8, Cleveland 2.
Louisville 10, Philadelphia 7.
Chicago 13, Brooklyn 9.
Washington 13, Pittsburg 6.

Western League.

Milwaukee 4, Minneapolis 5.
Grand Rapids 10, Columbus 12.
St. Paul 5, Kansas City 0.

How They Stand.

	Won.	Lost.	Pr. ct
Boston	46	17	.730
Cincinnati	41	20	.672
Baltimore	41	21	661
New York	38	23	.623
Cleveland	34	30	.531
Brooklyn	30	35	.462
Philadelphia	31	37	.456
Pittsburg	29	35	.463
Chicago	28	38	.424
Louisville	26	36	.419
Washington	24	38	.387
St. Louis	13	52	.200

Rushing Coal Shipments.

The Illinois Central is actively preparing for a general strike among coal miners. Long trains of empty coal cars are being hauled south, and every effort made to get them loaded. Shop men have been ordered to repair coal cars first. At the Kankakee junction all coal sheds are full, and coal is being loaded on the ground.

How's This?

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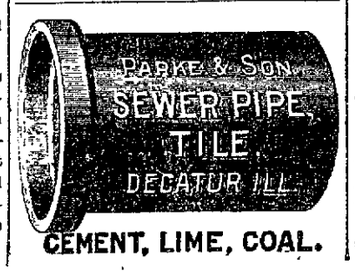
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Dr. Coss, of Arrowsmith, has given up his intention of locating at Gibson City, and has gone to DeWitt.



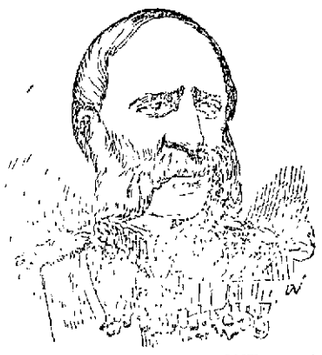
CEMENT, LIME, COAL.

LEIPSIC EXPOSITION.

A Hint for Americans Who May Visit Europe This Year.

Among the places the tourist in Europe will find well worth visiting this summer is the old city of Leipsic and its Saxon-Thuringian exposition commemorative of the four hundredth anniversary of the Leipsic fairs. The exposition was opened April 24 by King Albert of Saxony and will close with the historic Michaelmas fair in September and October.

The art exhibit of the exposition represents the best in modern German art, and in the "industrie halle," the largest building on the grounds, the visitor can see a fine display of German industrial



THE KING OF SAXONY.
(One of the Patrons of the Leipsic Exposition.)

and mechanical manufactures. The exhibits made by the manual training schools also show to what Germany owes its present wonderful development—a development that challenges the commercial supremacy of England in the markets of Europe and the world. In the panorama, the electrical display and the hundred other minor attractions which go to make up a great exposition, Leipsic's quadro-centennial fair is worthy the fame of the parent city of expositions.

The immense book exhibits also remind the visitor that Leipsic for hundreds of years has been the grand emporium of the book trade on the continent. At the Easter and Michaelmas fairs at Leipsic every book house of importance in Europe is represented. In Leipsic alone there are more than 300 booksellers and 50 printing offices.

Aside from the exposition there is no city of Germany that has more attractions as to historical, literary and musical associations than Leipsic. At its famous university Goethe studied, and in Auerbach's keller is laid one of the scenes of "Faust," while near the Rosenthal, or Valley of Roses, Schiller wrote his "Ode to Joy." The "Battle of the Nations," when Napoleon met his first decisive defeat and the road of the allies was opened to Paris, has given Leipsic a lasting place in history. But its legends and history for the 400 years commemorated in the present exposition furnish an even more enduring title to fame.

GEN. JAMES F. WADE.

The New Commander of the Department of Dakota.

Brig. Gen. James F. Wade, the new commander of the department of Dakota, of St. Paul, Minn., was acquired by the army as late as 1861, when he became first lieutenant of the Sixth cavalry. A year after the close of the war Lieut. Wade was promoted to the rank of captain and two months thereafter he was elevated to the rank of major of the Ninth cavalry. In 1879 he was made lieutenant colonel of the Tenth cavalry, and 12 years later he became a colonel. As a volunteer Gen. Wade earned a splendid record. On June 9, 1863, he was

GEN. JAMES F. WADE.
(Commanding the Department of Dakota.)

breveted for "gallant and meritorious services in the battle of Beverly Ford, Va.," and was brevetted major for similar conduct in 1864 at Marion, in East Tennessee. For his conspicuous bravery throughout the entire war he was brevetted colonel in 1865, and brigadier general in the very same year. After he was made colonel of the Fifth cavalry, Gen. Wade commanded the army posts at Fort Riley, Fort Reno, Fort McIntosh and Fort Sam Houston. No officer in the army has more respect in the department of war at Washington than the present commander of the department of Dakota. When the war broke out between Turkey and Greece Gen. Wade was given permission to visit the seat of war and study the action of the contending generals if he cared to, but the sudden cessation of hostilities turned awry his plans in this direction if he had any. Gen. Wade is now only 54 years old, and he has therefore ten years of active service before him. His last command as brigadier general was that of the department of Texas.

Sheep Poisoned by Larkspur.

Sheep dealers in Montana have lost hundreds of sheep through the poisonous plant known as larkspur. It is expected that many more will die, although the veterinary surgeons have succeeded in saving some.

Down to Her Death.

St. Louis, July 13.—Mrs. E. J. Isabel, a wealthy woman, who resided at 4479 Laclede boulevard, while shopping at Scruggs, Vandervoort & Barney's dry goods store yesterday afternoon, fell down the freight elevator shaft and was instantly killed.

The theory at the store is that the woman entered the alley in the rear and though she could enter the building by the passageway through which freight is delivered to the elevator, mistaking the passage for a door.

Take a Swim.

The Nat. at Riverside is now open every day and evening.

It is the finest place in the city to spend an hour.

The water is always fresh, clean and warm.

There will be a great time at the Nat. the 3rd, 4th and 5th.

Do not fail to take it in.

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Havanettes.....100 for $1.75
Little Diana.....100 for $1.50
5 for .10

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Funeral of Robert Morthland.

The funeral of the late Robert Morthland was held this morning at 10 o'clock from the residence at the corner of West Eldorado street and Oakland avenue. The burial was at Sharon cemetery.

Another Mystery.

New York, July 13.—The head of William Guldensuppe is said to have been found by boys in Branchport, N. J., inclosed in oil cloth and plaster of paris.

Slavery in Finland.

A regular slave mart still exists in many country districts of Finland. Once a year such paupers, lunatics and aged people of each parish as cannot support themselves are put up at public auction and consigned to those families or farmers who will board them at the lowest price offered by the parish authorities.—N. Y. Sun.

Between Friends.

Miss Smasher—I don't care for men; in fact, I've already said "No" to seven of them.

Miss Comely—Indeed! What were they selling? Odds and Ends.

—A poor woman who kept a small shop in a northern village, and who was troubled with a husband who could scarcely be considered a credit to the family, one day found herself a widow through the sudden demise of her sponse. Said a lady: "I am sure, Mrs. G——, you must miss your husband." "Well, mum, it do seem queer to go into the shop and find something in the till!"—Tit-Bits.

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25c Dimities for 20c.
20c Dimities for 15c.
15c Dimities for 10c.
10c Dimities for 7½c.
Scotch Lawns, new, worth 5c, for 3½c.
Lusante, new, worth 5c, for 3½c.
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is exceptionally complete, and in it we show all new fabrics, in Juvenile, Reefer and Vestee styles. Prices from $2.00 to $8.00.

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If the price of Clevelands or Crescents should be reduced during the season of 1897, we will rebate each one of our former customers on these machines the amount to equal the reduced price. We have given our word that the Cleveland and Crescent are wheels of "Honest Value," worth the price asked for them, and are not forced to come down in the middle of the season in order to unload an overproduction which the people would not buy at the list prices.

NOW LISTEN: The Cleveland and Crescent factories combined will sell more bicycles this season than any other three factories in the United States, and every one will be retailed at the list price.

They will carry over no stock, but when the season of 1897 is closed they will be cleaned up and ready to enter the the season of 1898 with even a better reputation than ever for high grade goods.

"Standard of the World."
$100.00 to All Alike.

We have a few splendid Second-hand Wheels which we will close out at decided bargains.

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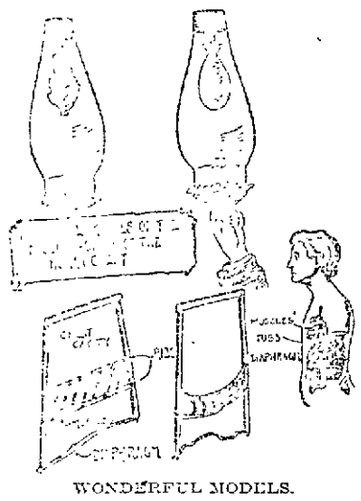
SCIENCE AND INVENTION.

MACHINE THAT BREATHES.

And One That Imitates the Chest Movement of a Man.

Two curious instruments were recently placed on exhibition by the New York Academy of Sciences. They were simple little mechanical contrivances designed to show the action of the lungs and of the rib muscles when we breathe. By closely observing them any person may learn in a moment just how the inside of the chest behaves when we inhale a deep breath. They were made by Prof. John F. Woodhull, of the New York Teachers' college. One of these instruments consisted of an ordinary lamp chimney over the bottom of which was stretched a soft rubber sheet, and in the top of which was inserted a rubber stopper. Through the center of the stopper was a piece of glass tubing. On the end of the tubing, inside of the lamp chimney, was tied a little bag made of what is known as gold-beater's skin. Securely the little bag of skin in the chimney hangs limp and loose like a col-



WONDERFUL MODELS.

lapsed balloon. If, however, the rubber sheeting is caught by the fingers through the side and pulled downward the bag will immediately swell out to its full size. This is because pulling the rubber sheet makes the space within the lamp larger than the inclosed air can fill, or what scientists call a partial vacuum. The outside air rushes down the glass tube to the supply the vacancy, and in doing so swells the little bag out to its fullest extent. On the contrary, if the rubber sheet on the bottom of the chimney is pushed in by the finger, the little bag folds up limp again. By gently pushing the sheet in and pulling it out again, the little bag inflates and collapses, out and in, in perfect time to the motion of the fingers.

Now, this is precisely the action that takes place when we breathe. The sheet of rubber on the bottom of the chimney corresponds to the diaphragm in the human body. The diaphragm is the membrane which separates the chest from the lower part of the body. The little bag represents the lungs, and the glass tube is the windpipe. It is a mistaken idea with many persons that when we breath the air rushing into the lungs causes the lungs and the muscles surrounding them to expand. But a perfectly reverse action takes place. We invariably move our muscles and diaphragm first, thus expanding the lungs, into which the air rushes to fill the space which would otherwise become a partial vacuum. The action is all unconscious, and it appears to be the opposite of what it really is, but that is how it occurs, nevertheless. Thus a lamp chimney can be made to perform several actions of the human body. It breathes just as truly, and its lungs are a good facsimile of our own.

The other instrument looked somewhat like a hand saw. It consisted of several sticks of wood arranged in the manner of the illustration. The cross pieces on the frame represented our ribs and rubber bands stretched on tacks on them acted precisely as do our rib muscles. Over the lower points of the frame was a piece of tape, which had been stiffened by starch. This represented the diaphragm. By moving the frame so as to contract the rubber bands the upper part of the frame (the lung cavity) became smaller. By stretching the bands it became large. Its imitation of the human chest movement is perfect, and the lesson it teaches should be appreciated by every one.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

New Symptom of Hysteria.

Hysterical persons often have a narrowed field of vision and a certain degree of local insensibility. These signs lead to a diagnosis of hysteria and a connection with this form of neurosis of symptoms that might otherwise be due to different causes. Dr. de Strozwski, in La Medicine Moderne, notes another of these stigmata—the relative insensibility of the canal of the ear and of the nasal passages. With the least sensitive persons, the tickling of these regions with a strip of paper will produce a violent reaction. With persons affected with hysteria, no sensation of tickling, or a very feeble one, is felt, though the touch of the paper is recognized. This symptom exists in all forms of hysteria.

Electric Bleaching of Teeth.

The application of electricity has been eminently successful for the bleaching of teeth. After filling the nerve canal in the usual manner, the cavity is excavated and filled with cotton saturated with the bleaching solution. The positive pole is connected with the cotton in the cavity, and the negative to the wrist, and the current is allowed to remain for 20 or 30 minutes, according to the density of the tooth. The process is painless and most effective.

BICYCLE NOVELTIES.

Things That Add to the Wheelman's Comfort and Safety.

The latest improvement on tandems is an adjustable bar in the frame which converts a diamond frame into a frame for women cyclists. It is the top bar, which attaches horizontally if a gentleman wishes to ride or can be taken out and adjusted at an angle, the back end of the bar being affixed to the lower end of the saddle bar for a lady. The tandem is an expensive machine, and this adjustment makes it suitable for two women, two men or a woman and her escort.

There are a great many novelties for bicycle riders being made in sterling silver. Some of them are for parts of the wheel, others for the convenience of the riders, especially on long rides. Among the parts of the machine which help to make a woman's wheel handsomer are the self-locking name plates of silver, engraved as fully as desired. This cannot be taken off by a thief unless it is filed off. It fits around the front bar and has a chased margin.

Handles, or grips, are made in either cork or celluloid, heavily mounted in silver or gold. The ends are often set with amethyst or topaz. They may be had in ivory to order and set around with pearls or any other stone desired.

The tool-bag plate is shown in a modest little size, to be marked similarly to the name plate of the machine.

A solid silver cyclometer of the finest make comes in a fine plush and satin case, and no doubt keeps more accurately the number of miles traveled than an ordinary nickel-plated one.

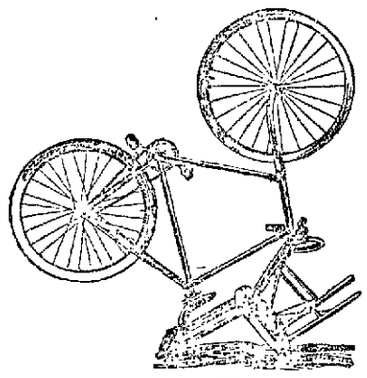
The newest arrangement for drinking anything anywhere is the drinking tube. This has the appearance of two small spoon bowls perforated all over and fastened together so that they form a small flat-sided ball, the handle being a hollow tube with a hole in the upper end through which one may drink from a spring by the roadside or a stream of water. This may be an improvement over a straw or the hand, but it is a dainty person indeed who will take the trouble of carrying one of these ornamental affairs on a bicycle trip.

The combination of comb and brush in one is perhaps the most useful of anything a cycler can carry. This is made in tortoiseshell with the usual silver back, but there are shell teeth only half way down the comb. In the other half are set stiff bristles somewhat like those in a toothbrush, which serve for a brush.

CHAIR BICYCLE RACK.

It Keeps the Machine Steady While It Is Being Cleaned.

In cleaning a bicycle most people find difficulty in keeping the machine steady. At such times the want of a rack is felt badly. A little boy on the West side overcame this trouble the other evening in a simple way. He discovered that an ordinary chair serves the purpose excellently for those who



BICYCLE CLEANING RACK.

are not provided with the necessary rack. The little chap turned the chair over, hooked the handles of his bicycle into the rear legs and rested the saddle on the back. The wheel rested firmly in this position, and young America found that all the working parts could be easily manipulated at will.—Chicago Chronicle.

Look Out for the Dog.

Keep an eye out for dogs. There is risk not worth taking in riding by a canine who manifests symptoms of ugliness, but it is a rare dog that will do more than express mild disapproval if you do him the favor of dismounting and walking past his domain. Never kick at the dog while you are in the saddle, for, when you do that, the chances are all in favor of the dog. Never run away from the dog, for the dog likes the flavor of cowards and governs himself accordingly. If you can possibly avoid it, do not shoot the dog, for, although he may have a misguided idea of his duty, he is considerably more than half human and there are those who by reason of his death will be called to mourn the loss of a faithful friend.—American Cyclist.

Another Legal Triumph.

Here is the latest triumph for the bicycle, or rather for the rider. A lady intending to spend a two months' vacation in the province of New Brunswick, Can., bought a wheel and shipped it to her destination by express. The wheel was delayed en route and never reached its owner, who was unable to rent a machine anywhere in the vicinity. On her return she refused to accept the wheel from the express company, but brought suit and recovered the cost of her bicycle, on the ground that it had been rendered useless to her. —American Wheelman.

Much-Needed Improvement.

Why do not wheelmen one and all take definite action toward forcing the bicycle makers to produce an interchangeable valve? There is no one thing that causes more woe and weariness to a wheelman out on the road than the need to pump his tire, and while he is in a group of friends to find not one nipple of pump that happens to fit his machine. An interchangeable valve or nipple of this sort is going to make thousands for the inventor, just as the Whitworth valve for the engine did.—Boston Record.

POWERS' SHOE STORE.

Ladies', Misses' and Children's Tennis Shoes, made by the Goodyear Glove Co.—75c, $1.00 and $1.25 grade all go at 25c
Ladies' Tan Strap Slippers, $1.75 grade, at 98c
Ladies' Kid Lace and Button Boots, $1.50 grade, at .. 75c
Ladies' Laird, Schober & Co.'s High Shoes, $5.00 and $6.00 grades go at $3.75
Ladies' Green High Shoes 1.99
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AS THE STORE IS RENTED.

Made Another Mistake.

At the phrenologist's general invitation a big man with a smoothly-shaven face, pug nose and prominent chin stepped upon the stage and took his seat. The phrenologist felt his head carefully for awhile, and then said: "This subject shows a gentle and mild disposition, and has unusually well developed organs of benevolence and love for his fellow men. He is tender-hearted, and loves to relieve the sufferings of others. Now, sir, what is your profession?" The big man smiled, and said: "I am a nurse in a charity hospital, sir;" and the audience, which had opened its mouth to yell when the man acknowledged to being a prize fighter, coughed instead, and counted the lights in the chandelier in as absent-minded a way as possible.—Detroit Free Press.

Why He Couldn't.

"Why is it," they asked him, "that you have put your wedding day so far in the future?"

"That's easily explained," he answered. "When I started in to win her I had enough to get married on, but by the time I had won her I didn't. You see, it cost me so much to get her that I haven't enough left to care for her now that I've got her, and I've got to give myself time to accumulate a little something again."—Chicago Post.

Professional Etiquette.

"Did you see that Mrs. Goliath, the wife of the strong man, when walking with her husband last night, was knocked down and robbed of her purse?"

"Why didn't he help her?"

"Oh, his terms are $100 a night."—Trifles.

Vain Imagining.

Mistress—This steak is done too much, Mary.

Maid—Not too much for me, mum.

"But I hire you to cook for me, not for yourself."

"Ye think ye do, mum."—Boston Transcript.

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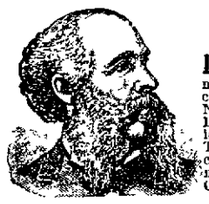

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BACKBONE OF EGYPTIAN RACE.

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We had come into the region of the up-country fellahin—the peasants and cultivators of the soil, who form the backbone of the Egyptian race and have from earliest times persistently maintained the type of field laborer, the serf of the soil. The horrible oppressions practiced upon these poor creatures in times past, the exactions, cruelties, butcheries, monstrous injustice from which they have suffered, have not disturbed their conservative temper or destroyed their passionate fondness for their native soil or their stubborn resistance to taxation. It is said that girls often refuse to marry men who will not bind themselves to live in their native village. Occasionally one meets a man or boy who went to the exhibition of Old Cairo, in Chicago, and, while there, received good offers to remain in America, but refused them all because of homesickness. This climate is the perpetual friend and consoler to the poor; and, if they were only a little cleaner, a little less degraded and superstitious, there would be small occasion for pity. The filthy condition of the Arab children, both in town and country, is a constant source of sorrow and disgust to the tourist. It is said that they are wilfully neglected by their parents, that they may escape the baleful effects of the evil eye, universally believed in by the natives. As you ascend the Nile, the face veil disappears, and nose-rings and curious tattooing become common. A casual visitor is at great disadvantage in the effort to acquire accurate information as to the domestic arrangements of the people. The guides and others with whom you come in contact generally tell you the tales that seem to them appropriate and polite for the ears of foreigners. The donkey-boys and others who have had some intercourse with strangers know that the idea of a plurality of wives is abhorrent to the ordinary English and American mind. They therefore express a dislike of it themselves; and each affirms that he has taken but one wife, and does not intend to burden himself with more.

Concurrent testimony seems to show that it is rather rare for a well-to-do Egyptian to take more than one legal wife at a time, though the number of his female slaves may be unlimited. The law of the prophet allows four legal wives; and I am told that the fellahin often take the full complement of helpmates, in order to use them as field laborers without wage. As you ascend the Nile, you often see women at work in the fields and busy at all sorts of menial tasks except the hardest—that of raising water from the Nile by means of the shaduf for purposes of irrigation. One realizes how cheap labor must be in Egypt, when, for a few pence a day, men will stand half naked, in mud and water, lifting skin buckets to the level of a hollow in the steep bank, by means of a long pole and weight balanced on a support; while another man above repeats the painful process of raising it to the level of the irrigating ditch. It is one of the saddest sights one sees on the Nile—this pouring of water, by means of little buckets, into ditches, and growing old in fertilizing a small patch of land. This appliance is probably as old as the awkward, unhandy plow one sees the peasants using in the fields to turn over the soil, and shows the stationary character of a people who, in many respects, seem bright and quick-witted. The water-wheel, turned by oxen or buffaloes, also becomes a familiar sight, and the mournful creak of the wheel is the only sound one hears at night, when the steamer is tied up to the bank. Thus the great river is meat and drink and life and health to all the people—the only source of moisture in an otherwise sterile land. This fact is brought home to you again and again, and the wonder of it never ceases.—Christian Register.

A VENEZUELAN JAGUAR.

It Attacks a Hunter and Both Are Shot to Death.

There is no recognized way of hunting tigers with guns. Sometimes the hunters go out on horseback, particularly in the cattle districts of the Orinoco llanos and the valley of the Amazon, with dogs and Indian servants to drive up the game. Oftener the hunter lies in wait for the tiger to approach a tethered calf.

When the several hunters with guns go out together there is serious peril, as an incident I have in mind will show. A Venezuelan man of affairs, whom I know well, went to visit a friend on a coffee plantation, and incidentally to try a new rifle. The host called in two neighbors, and arranged a hunt. When the hunting party left in the morning the host's two young sons remained at home with three servants. Late in the afternoon, when the party returned, neither boys nor servants were to be seen. As the hunters roamed about the plantation, looking for the boys, they heard a crying in the top of a slender tree. The boys were in the tree, white with terror.

"What is the matter?" called the father. "Why are you in the tree?"

"The tiger! the tiger!" shrieked the boys. "A big female tiger is at the bottom of the tree." The tiger had been unable to climb so slender a tree.

The father pushed his way quickly through the bushes to shoot the tiger before it should escape. His friends followed slowly. In a few moments a shot was heard, and then a wild scream. The hunters rushed forward. Their friend and a big tiger were rolling on the ground together. They fired 12 times, as rapidly as they could work their magazine rifles, and then tiger and man lay still.

Four bullets had entered the tiger, and eight had pierced the body of the man.—William Willard Howard, in Century.

Edwin Austin Abbey when at leisure bats the elusive cricket ball or goes horseback riding.

BEYOND ARGUMENT.

He Felt Convinced There Was Only One Thing to Do.

"Have you anything to do?" asked the attache of the freight yard of the man who had lounged in with his hands in his pockets.

"No."

"Want anything to do?"

"No. But I want the money, and I suppose I'll have to do something to get that."

"You're a workingman, aren't you?"

"Yes."

"Well, don't you think it would be a good idea for you to step around and do something without thinking so much about money—just for the sake of advertising your business? People might get the impression that you're a millionaire and be afraid to apply for your services."

"Look here, mister. I don't want any advice. I'm just beginning to get straightened out from the last advice I took. I've been getting the worst of it for years, and simply because I listened respectfully and took things for granted. I don't say that I've been swindled by capitalists, but I do say that it was underhanded to take advantage of my carelessness the way they did."

"Where did you come from?"

"Chicago."

"Didn't they pay your wages there?"

"Yes; they paid my wages all right. They didn't want to excite any suspicion, so they gave all the men their money every salary day. That was simply to keep them from suspecting anything."

"Were you overworked?"

"No. I didn't have any more to do than I could attend to with comfort. But it's the principle of the thing that I am thinking about. I don't like to be deceived. I wouldn't have known anything about it if a friend of mine who was out on a strike hadn't come and explained it to me."

"What was it he told you?"

"He exposed the way I had been misled, with a whole lot of others. If I had my way there'd be a boycott declared against the newspapers for starting the cry: 'Go west, young man.' There isn't anybody that can convince me it wasn't a put-up job to get something for nothing. The friend of mine who is out on a strike sat down and figured it out and showed me that when it's noon in Washington, it's only 11 o'clock in the morning at Chicago. I ain't one of the dilly-dallying kind. I didn't have any words, but soon as I found that out I went to the boss, got the pay that was coming to me and came straight to Washington, where quitting time comes exactly one hour sooner every day.—Washington Star.

The Grandest Remedy.

Mr. R. B. Greeve, merchant, of Gilhowie, Va., certifies that he had consumption, was given up to die, sought all medical treatment that money could procure, tried all cough remedies he could hear of, but got no relief; spent many nights sitting up in a chair; was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery, and was cured by use of two bottles. For past three years has been attending to business, and says Dr. King's New Discovery is the grandest remedy ever made, as it has done so much for him and also for others in his community. Dr. King's New Discovery is guaranteed for Coughs, Colds and Consumption. It don't fail. Trial bottles free at the drug stores of J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

Mrs. J. H. O. McCord, of Farmer City, was taken suddenly ill Friday and for a time her life was despaired of, but she is now improving.

Don't thin your blood with sassafras or poison it with blue-mass; but aid Nature by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for constipation, biliousness and stomach and liver troubles. They are purely vegetable. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

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Quick Relief for Asthma.

Foley's Honey and Tar is guaranteed to give prompt relief in all cases of Asthma. Do not class this with other medicines that have failed to give relief. Give it a trial. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Mr. Hero Gerdes, formerly of Flanagan, died at his home in Worthington, Minn., of blood poisoning. He cut his arm on a barbed wire fence and died within a week.

Attention, Old Soldiers.

The manufacturers have instructed us to give a bottle of 25c size of Foley's Colic Cure free to the first soldier of the civil war that applies for the same. It is the great remedy for Chronic Diarrhoea, Cramp Colic and all Bowel complaints. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The shoe factory at Pontiac has started again after a vacation of a week. At the meeting of the stockholders a dividend of 8 per cent was declared on the capital stock.

"They are dandies," said Thos. Bowers, of the Crockett, Texas, Enterprise, while writing about DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for sick headache and disorders of the stomach and liver. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

John Nelms and Sallie Yoakum, both of Greenview, were recently married at Springfield. This is the fourth marriage of the groom, his third wife having been divorced only two hours before his last marriage.

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Novel Scheme of a New York Professor of Languages to Save Labor.

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Over 1,000 phonographs have been sold for this purpose. Its immense value as a teacher lies in the fact that it never wearies and will go on repeating the same passages either with the same or varied intonation for thousands of times, if necessary, so that the pupil can learn by assiduous practice to reproduce the finest shades of inflection and thus acquire a purity of accent that could only be otherwise attained by long residence in the country where the language is spoken. An extension of this idea, which has already taken shape, is the giving of vocal lessons by phonograph. This, however, is a much more complex matter, and it is doubtful whether it can be made more than a qualified success. One of the most vital things in singing is color, and this is just what most phonographs fail to reproduce. If an instrument can be made that can be relied upon to do this the burden of vocal teaching can be greatly lightened, and American students of singing can enjoy a European course of tuition without needing to cross the ocean for it.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

ANCIENT WATER HEATERS.

Proof That the Main Feature of Boilers Was Known to the Ancients.

In two of the museums of Roman antiquities at Naples there are several water heaters which indicate that the principle of the water tube, the crowning feature of modern boilers, was fully understood and appreciated some 2,000 years ago. W. T. Bonner, of Cincinnati, O., has been investigating these heaters and found them to be as interesting as they are beautiful. One of them consists of an outer shell 12 inches in diameter and nearly 17 inches high, surmounted by a somewhat hemispherical-shaped top. Inside this shell is an internal cylinder, also having a hemispherical top, which is ten inches in diameter and 12 inches high.

The two shells are connected at the bottom by a rim, like the mud ring of a locomotive firebox, and the space between them was filled with water. The grate was formed of seven tubes made from sheet bronze, rolled and soldered or brazed. These tubes open at both ends into the bottom of the space between the sheets, thus forming a water tube grate for the fuel to rest upon. Charcoal was probably used with this heater and was placed on the grate through an opening 4.8 inches high and four inches wide, closed by a beautifully decorated door. The gases from the fire escaped into the outer air through three small openings formed by tubes crossing from the inner to the outer shell about 5.6 inches above the grate. The whole apparatus was raised about 12 inches on a tripod, so as to allow air to reach the fuel.

In another boiler of somewhat the same type the outer shell has the form of an urn, while the inner shell rises from a water tube grate to an opening in the side. It is 12 inches in diameter at the widest part and 17.6 inches high, and supported on a tripod about four inches high. Its general shape is much like that of the silver cream pitchers known as the Paul Revere patterns, although, of course, it is much larger and has a top closed by a lid. It has been suggested that these utensils may have served at some time to heat wine as well as water, which suggestion appears reasonable, as many historians state that the Pompeiians made great use of hot drinks. It may be that they were found in one of the termpodi or cafes, of which there were several in Pompeii.—Boston Transcript.

Duststorms That Bury Forests.

Some Russian travelers in Tibet describe the wonderful storms of dust that occur in Kashgaria, near the foot of the Kuen-Lun mountains. The dust in the air is sometimes so dense that complete darkness prevails. Occasionally rain falls during such a storm, but the raindrops exaporate during their descent, and the dust carried with them falls in lumps. Entire forests of poplar trees are buried in dust hillocks 40 feet high. These deposits of dust are afterward moved on by the wind, but the trees that have been buried die, even after their disinterment.—Youth's Companion.

SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

—In a colored Baptist church of 18 members at Catonville, Md., nearly half of the members are trustees.

—Rev. Eugenie St. John, of Kansas, a well-known woman clergyman and advocate of woman suffrage, will go to Europe to study the problem of municipal government.

—Dr. Abbott remarks in the Outlook that "Christ repudiates the idea that God finished His creative work in six days and then rested." He presumably bases this extraordinary statement on the Master's declaration in John: "My Father worketh even until now, and I work."

—Mr. William T. Ellis, who more than two years ago went from Philadelphia to Boston to become one of the editors of Golden Rule, has recently returned to the city of Brotherly Love and becomes assistant editor of the periodicals of the Presbyterian Board of Publication, whose editor is Rev. J. R. Miller, D. D. Forward, the young people's paper, is to be Mr. Ellis' especial field.

—Extemporaneous speaking of the right kind, according to Dr. Buckley, the brilliant editor of the Christian Advocate, is "the delivery of thoughts previously conceived and adapted with more or less fullness and precision, together with such thoughts as may occur and such feelings as may arise, in an arrangement of words, sentences and paragraphs wholly the birth of the occasion."

—Since Leo XIII. has filled the chair of St. Peter he has repressed the humorous side of his nature, which made him greatly in demand as a dinerout while filling the office of nuncio at Brussels. Always severe in matters of propriety, says the Indianapolis Journal, he was deeply offended on one of these occasions by a baron who passed him a box of snuff on the lid of which was enameled a feminine figure en deshabille. Admirably controlling his annoyance, his future holiness replied: "Very pretty. Is it your wife?"

The woman who had the most elaborately crimped hair in the winter is the one whose locks are now the stringiest.

Don't neglect a cough because the weather is pleasant; before the next storm rolls around it may develop into a serious difficulty beyond repair. One Minute Cough Cure is easy to take and will do what its name implies. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

The Green Valley Times has made its appearance. It is published at Peoria, but in the interests of the Green Valley people.

W. B. Johnson, Newark, O., says: "One Minute Cough Cure saved my only child from dying by croup." It has saved thousands of others suffering from croup, pneumonia, bronchitis and other serious throat and lung troubles. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Dr. Coss, of Arrowsmith, has given up his intention of locating at Gibson City, and has gone to DeWitt.

Not only piles of the very worst kind can be cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, but eczema, scalds, burns, bruises, boils, ulcers and all other skin troubles can be instantly relieved by the same remedy. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

The teachers of Livingston county are to hold their annual convention at Pontiac, August 2 to 7.

Don't Stop Him!

He has a bad attack of colic and is making for our drug store after a bottle of Foley's Colic Cure. 25c and 50c. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Culberson, of Delavan, are spending three months in Montana.

Sick headache can be quickly and completely overcome by using those famous little pills known as "DeWitt's Little Early Risers." A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Persons who drive adore the watering carts, but to those who ride wheels they are veritable abominations.

Wonderful! Marvelous!

are expressions frequently heard about Foley's Kidney Cure. Do not fail to try this great remedy for all kidney trouble. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

A man may not know whether your gown cost $5 or $50, but he can detect a rip in it or a spot on it in a minute.

There Is No ? About It.

No question, indeed, with those who have used it, but that Foley's Kdney Cure is absolutely reliable for all Kidney and Bladder diseases. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Millard & Julius Maienthal,
MANAGERS.

There is nothing in the world so pitiful as a neglected baby. There is no sight so sad as that of a helpless infant denied its birthright, a mother's loving care. Thousands of mothers neglect their children because of ill-health. No woman can properly perform a mother's duty who is constantly suffering from sickness, whose system is debilitated and wrecked by the awful drains due to the diseases and weaknesses peculiar to women. The mother who suffers from the listlessness, lassitude and despondency due to these troubles is pretty sure to neglect her children and her home.

This lamentable state of affairs is easily remedied if the proper measures are taken. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is an unfailing cure for all the many forms of weakness and disease of the organs distinctly feminine. It promptly stops all weakening drains, invigorates the various organs and infuses new life and vigor into the sufferer's whole body. A happy home and a tidy and well-cared for baby is the result, for no healthy woman will wilfully neglect her child. Many a woman is blamed for negligence and heartlessness when she is simply too ill to care for anything but death. If you want to know all about the "Favorite Prescription" address Dr. R. V. Pierce, chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y. It is sold by all druggists.

Foul breath, dull eyes, listlessness, sallowness and pimples. A nice combination to avoid or get rid of. All are due to constipation, and constipation is promptly cured by Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. They are not a temporary palliative, but a permanent cure. Many so-called constipation remedies must be continued forever, once they are started. The "Pellets" cure permanently. They never gripe. Druggists sell them.

BRIDGE LETTING.

Decatur, Ill., July 12, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the highway Commissioners of Decatur Township and the Bridge Committee of the Board of Supervisors, all of Macon county, State of Illinois, will on July 24, 1897, at 10 o'clock, at the office of the Town Clerk of Decatur Township, 141 East Main street, Decatur, Ill., receive sealed bids for repairing the Maffit bridge over the Sangamon River in the City of Decatur.

A single contract will be let to include the following items:

(1.) Raising the present metal span and adding four feet of brick masonry to each pier.
(2.) Laying a new floor with wood joists on the present metal span.
(3.) Putting metal hub guards on the present bridge.
(4.) Cleaning, adjusting, and giving the present metal span two coats of paint.
(5.) Constructing one 50x16 foot steel span.
(6.) Constructing one 67x16 foot square steel span.
(7.) Constructing one 67x16 foot skew steel span.
(8.) Constructing one steel pier.
(9.) Constructing two brick abutments.
(10.) Making about 550 cubic yards of grade.

Detailed plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Town Clerk.

The right is hereby reserved to reject any or all bids. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for One Hundred Dollars ($100), payable to the Treasurer of the Highway Commissioners of Decatur Township.

By authority of the Bridge Commissioners,
ALBERT H. COPE, Town Clerk.
IRA O. BAKER, Engineer.
D. A. MAFFIT.
H. MAHANNHAH,
WM. BUNDY,
Highway Commissioners of Decatur Tp.
H. HAYS,
JACOB LEBO,
J. E. RUCKER,
12-dtd] Com. from Board of Supervisors.

Administrator's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss
MACON COUNTY,
In the County Court of Macon County.

C. G. Wood, Administrator with the Will Annexed of the Estate of Robert Toby, deceased, vs. Kate C. Toby et al.—Petition to sell real estate to pay debts.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of the decree in the county court of Macon county, State of Illinois, entered at the June term, 1897, in the above entitled cause, I, C. G. Wood, administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Robert Toby, deceased, will on Saturday, August 21, A. D. 1897, at the hour of two o'clock p. m., at the north door of the court house in the City of Decatur in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder, the following described real estate in Shelby county, Illinois, to-wit: The southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 33, township 11 north range 2 east of the 3d p. m., containing 40 acres, more or less, and the equity of redemption of a part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 31, in said township and range, bounded as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of the said southwest quarter of the southwest quarter, running thence south 40 rods, thence east two rods, thence north 40 rods, thence west 2 rods to the place of beginning, containing one-half acre, more or less; also the equity of redemption in 29¼ acres off the west side of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of said section 34, in said township and range. Said premises being sold free from dower claim of the said Kate C. Toby, widow. Said sale to be upon the following terms: Cash on day of sale.

Dated at Decatur this 18th day of July, A. D. 1897.
C. G. WOOD, Adm'r, Etc.
July 12-dtd

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss In the Circuit Court.
MACON COUNTY,

Decatur Mutual Loan Association, Complainant, vs. Marquess L. Booker et al, Defendants—In Chancery. No 16083.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause, at the June term, of said court A. D. 1897, I, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will on

Wednesday, July 28th, 1897,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit: Lot twenty-four (24) in Block one (1) in Solana Place, an Addition to the City of Decatur, in Macon county, Illinois.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this sixth day of July, 1897.
JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
Outten & Roby, Complainant's Soliciter.
July 6-dtd

SPECIAL TAX NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the city council of the city of Decatur, having ordered that the construction of stone curbing on East Wood street from the east line of South Broadway street, east to the west line of South Webster street, from the north line of East Wood street, south to the north line of Marion street, in the city of Decatur, Macon county, Illinois, the ordinance for the same being on file in the office of the city clerk of said city, have applied to the county court of Macon county, Illinois, for an assessment of the cost of said improvements, according to benefits, upon the abutting property according to frontage; and an assessment or special tax roll thereof having been made and returned to said court, the final hearing thereon will be had at the August term of said court, commencing on the 12th day of August, A. D. 1897. All persons desiring may then and there appear and make their defense.

Decatur, Illinois, July 6, 1897.
GEORGE S. DURFEE,
FRANK KECK,
W. O. TAYLOR,
Commissioners.

Sunday Train Service.

On Sunday, May 30th, the Peoria, Decatur & Evansville Railway will resume the Sunday trains. Train No. 40 going north will pass Decatur at 8:30 p. m. Train No. 41 going south will pass at 11:30 a. m.

People's Column.

Advertisements of Forty words or less may be inserted in this column at the rate of 25 cents per week, payable invariably in advance

For Sale. For Rent. Wanted, Etc.

WANTED.

WANTED—At once, two bright, ambitious young ladies to travel with responsible party through the principal cities of this country; business light, lucrative and respectable. Expenses advanced. Address A, this office. July 6-d6*

WANTED—Paper hanging. With 26 years' experience I am prepared to give prompt attention to all orders from all parts of the city. Prices reasonable and all work guaranteed. New Telephone 306. D. M. SMITH, West end Pugh street car line. Feb 19-dtf

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT OR FOR SALE—12 room house at 148 West Wood street; water, gas, electric light. The house and stable will be rented for $40 per month. House alone, $35. Possession can be had at any time with one day's notice. Apply to DR. W. J. CHENOWETH, 127 East William street. 12-d6*

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Four room house, pantry and closets. East Lake finish; newly papered; will sell at a sacrifice. Call at No. 1760 North Clinton street; new 'phone 185.—27-tf

FOR SALE—5 acres of land, good 4-room new house, new barn, etc., on gravel road, east end of Decatur; $1700 buys it; possession given immediately. Hurry up; must be sold by March 1st. PETER H. BRUECK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main street. Feb 17-dtf

MONEY TO LOAN.

FARM LOANS—SIX PER CENT. INTEREST—Lowest commission. Prepayment privileges. Money ready when papers are accepted. Don't contract for a loan until you get my terms. C. E. GIVEN, 605 Millikin Bank Building. Oct 28-d&wtf

ALBERT T. SUMMERS,
—LOAN BROKER,—
All Classes of Loans Negotiated.
145 North Water Street, DECATUR, ILL.

LOANS Of All Kinds Made by **PEGRAM & CO.,**
Room One, over Citizen's Nat. Bank.

LOANS...
Rooms Nos. 1 and 2, 137 North Water street.
LOW RATES.
May 20 dtf GEO. W. EHRHART.

SAMUEL M'BRIDE
LOANS AND SECURITIES,
ROOMS 702-3-4,
MILLIKIN BANK B'L'DG,
DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

I HAVE now on hand to loan $700 on city property, $1,000 and $1500 on farm property. I also have for trade for farm property a fine new two-story eight room house, with bath room, electric light fixtures, gas, cistern and city water, hot and cold water fixtures—on best street in city. Call at once on A. E. PARK, of Bunn & Park, Attorney, Real Estate and Loan, 152 E. Prairie st. July 8-d6

MONEY TO LOAN—I have money to loan on city property and farms without delay. Call and see me. George W. Ehrhart, Real Estate and Loans, Room 10, Opera Block. July 7-d1m

MISCELLANEOUS.

SALESMAN—$5 a day. No canvassing. No deliveries. No collections. Samples free. Side line or exclusive. Mfrs., 3941 Market st., Philadelphia. July 3-d3w

The Decatur Rubber Stamp Works. If you need a Name Stamp, a Book Mark, a Business Stamp of any kind, or anything in the Commercial Stamp line, place your order with J. M. MYERS, 301 S. Church St., Decatur, Ill. Old Telephone 38.
To July 19, '97.

A GOOD CHANCE to trade your Nebraska land for good Decatur lots. Call on Clark & Schroll, Room 22 Arcade. Apr 17-dtf

R. O. ROSEN, Architect and Builder. Office Rooms 1 and 2, third floor, Review Building, North Main street.

SEE DILTS—If you are wanting a two, three or four inch tubular well, or your old wells made deeper. Well work of all kinds and sizes, from two inches to three feet. 723 N. Water or 1712 E. Prairie street. nov28 dtf

TWO FINE CORNER LOTS in "King's Orchard," clear of encumbrances; $1700 buys them, or will trade for house of about equal value. Look this up. PETER H. BRUECK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main st. Feb 16-dtf

$700 buys new three-room house, one acre of land, fifty choice bearing fruit trees, all on gravel road on the outskirts of Decatur. Who wants this? PETER H. BRUECK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main street. Feb 17-dtf

$225 buys fine lot on North Union street, 40x80. What's the matter with this! nothing—only the owner needs money. PETER H. BRUECK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main street. Feb 17-dtf

STEAMSHIP TICKETS to all parts of Europe; either first or second cabin, or steerage tickets, at the very lowest prices. For further information call at office. PETER H. BRUECK, Agent Hamburg-American Line, 215 North Main street. Feb 17-dtf

STORAGE GOODS FOR SALE.—We have a lot of household goods, bedroom suit, chairs, couches, carpets, etc., in good condition, that we will sell cheap to pay the storage due on them. This is a bargain for some one. BACHMAN BROS. & MARTIN CO. June 10-dtf

HORSES and COWS

wanted in exchange for Vehicles and Bicycles. We will allow cash prices and trade merchandise on the same basis. J. G. STARR & SON, Lincoln Square. June 16-dtf

THE Blue Grass Carriage shop. Your vehicle insured and stored at my risk free of cost, if repairs or repainting is necessary for spring use. Oceans of good dry room, and I want one to two hundred vehicles on these terms. Corner of East Main and Franklin streets. Jan6-dtf

RHEUMATISM CURED.—For the past nine years I have suffered intensely with rheumatism and neuralgia. The last attack was very severe. After suffering for some time I was induced by a friend to take Cerrodanie Capsules without cessation. To my surprise they cured me in a short time. I recommend them to all who suffer with rheumatism or neuralgia. R. O. ROSEN, Architect, Decatur, Ill. April 26-dtf

THE "Dollar Special" cabinet photo is still being made. $1.00 per dozen. Proofs shown. Accuacy and permanence guaranteed. Dark days no hindrance in getting good negatives. East End Gallery, 1079 E. Eldorado St. Dec. 30 d&wtf

Administratrix' Notice.

Estate of Herman Coble, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administratrix of the estate of Herman Coble, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the September term, on the first Monday in September next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 25th day of June, 1897.
SALOMA F. COBLE, Administratrix.
D. C. Corley, Attorney. [June 26-d3w

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss. In the Circuit Court.
MACON COUNTY,
In Cancery, No. 16,164.

Mary Ann Bolton, complainant, vs. Anna M. Fesler, et. al., defendants.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the June Term of said court A. D. 1897, I, James J. Finn, Master in Chancery of said court, will on

Tuesday, the 10th day of August 1897,

at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit: Commencing 15 feet west of northwest corner of block twenty (20), in the town (now city) of Maroa, thence running west parallel with the south side of Fourth street, to the west line of section 11, township 18 north, range 2 east of the third p. m., thence south 400 feet thence east to a point 15 feet west of southwest corner of block 20, thence north to the place of beginning, also a strip of ground 15 feet wide adjoining block 20 on the west side of said block 20, being in the original town of Maroa situated in the county of Macon and state of Illinois.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 10th day of July, A. D. 1897.
JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
C. C. Christianson, Complainant's Solicitor.
July 12-dtd

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS } ss In the Circuit Court
MACON COUNTY.

The Blue Mound Savings, Loan and Building Association, Complainant, vs. Joseph A Quearry et al, Defendants—In Chancery; No. 16170.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county in the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the June Term of said court A. D. 1897, I, James J. Finn, Master in Chancery of said court, will on

Saturday, July 31st, 1897,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit: Lots nine (9) and ten (10), in block four (4), in the Village of Blue Mound, Macon county, Ill.

Dated Decatur, Illinois, this 9th day of July, A. D. 1897.
JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
Alex. McIntosh and P. L. Van Cleve, Com. Sol
July 9-dtd

Executor's Notice of Final Settlement

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss
MACON COUNTY,
Estate of Thomas Wilson, Deceased.

To Sarah Wilson, Thomas W. Oakes, Frank Oakes, Lula Oakes and Lelah Addis, widow and legatees of said estate:

You are hereby notified that on Monday, July 19th, 1897, the undersigned, executor of the last will and testament of said deceased, will present to the county court of Macon county, at Decatur, Illinois, his final report of his acts and doings as such executor, and ask the court to be discharged from any and all further duties and responsibilities connected with said estate and his administration thereof, at which time and place you may be present and resist such application, if you choose so to do.

[Signed] D. L. BUNN, Executor.
June 17-d2w

SEALED BIDS.

Public notice is hereby given that the contract for furnishing the City of Decatur, Illinois, with brick to repair the paved streets during the season of 1897 as may be required by the City Council and that sealed bids or proposals will be received at the office of the City Comptroller from date of publication hereof up to the hour of five o'clock p. m. on Thursday, July 15, 1897.

Each bid must be accompanied by samples of the brick proposed to be furnished, not less than four in number.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of One Hundred Dollars.

The Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Decatur, Illinois, July 5, 1897.
H. F. ROBBINS,
July 5-d10 City Comptroller.

EXECUTRIX' NOTICE.

Estate of Michael Walsh, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed executrix of the estate of Michael Walsh, late of the county of Macon, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the September term on the first Monday in September next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 26th day of June, 1897.
ROSA KELLER, Executrix
June 26-d3w

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Anna Maria Melcholrs, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed executor of the estate of Anna Maria Melcholrs, late of the county of Macon, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the August term, on the first Monday in August next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 18th day of June, 1897.
ANTON SPAETH, Executor
of the Eestate of Anna Maria Melcholrs,
Deceased.
Alexander McIntosh, Att'y.
June 18-d3w

I., D. & W. Railway Excursions.

Excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates to the following meetings:

Grand Army of the Republic, Buffalo, N. Y., August 21 to 24.

Baptist Young People's Union, Chattanooga, Tenn., July 13, 14 and 15.

Epworth League, Toronto, July 15 to 18.

Tennessee Centennial and International Exposition, Nashville, Tenn., May 1st to Oct 31st.

Warsaw, Ind., account Winona Assembly, May 15 to August 31.

Rome City, Ind., account Island Park Assembly, July 18th to 31st.

Bethany Park, Ind., account Bethany Park Assembly, July 25th to August 15th.

Indianapolis Ind., account Y. P. C. Union, Sell August 17th and 18th; good returning till August 24th.

Coleron, N. Y., (Lake Chautauqua) account meeting Photographers' Association. One fare round trip. Tickets sold July 11th and 12th, good returning not earlier than July 16th, and not later than July 20th.

Detroit, Mich., account annual convention National Republican League of the United States. One fare round trip. Tickets sold July 12th and 13th, Good returning till July 16th.

Cincinnati, O., account German Epworth League, July 21st and 22d.

For full information regarding dates of sale, limits of tickets, rate, maps and descriptive advertising matter write or apply to K. Harwood, General Agent, or C. A. Pollock, Ticket Agent, I. D. & W. Railroad, Decatur, Ill.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL EXCURSIONS.

Toronto, Ont., July 15-18, Epworth League National Convention. Tickets sold July 13th, 14th and 15th, good returning to and including July 24th, with the privilege of an extension of time to leave Toronto on or before August 12th, provided ticket is deposited with the agent of Terminal line at Toronto prior to July 24th. Tickets to permit stop over in Canada within authorized limit, except that tickets extended for return beyond July 24th shall be available ony for continuous return passage. One fare for the round trip.

Celeron (Lake Chautauqua) N. Y., July 13 to 20. Tickets sold July 11 and 12, with final return limit of July 20. One fare round trip.

Detroit, Mich., July 6-13. Tickets sold July 5 and 6, good to return to and including July 14th. One fare round trip.

Annual meeting National Educational Association at Milwaukee, Wis., July 6 to 9. Tickets sold on July 3d, 4th and 5th. Tickets limited to return on July 10, 11 or 12, 1897, only. Extension of time may be had if tickets are deposited with Joint Agent at Milwaukee on or before July 12, 1897, and paying 50 cents at time of deposit. Extension tickets good leaving Milwaukee on any date up to and including August 31, 1897, but passengers must leave Milwaukee on first train after ticket is taken out of hands of Joint agent. Rate from Decatur $9 00 round trip.

Tickets on sale at Union Depot or City Office 121 East William street.

Railroad Column

R. R. TIME TABLES.

(Corrected to May 23, 1897.)

Wabash Line

TO CHICAGO.		FROM CHICAGO.	
12	*1:05 a m	13	*3:30 a m
14	*11:45 a m	15	*3:55 p m
16	†8:45 a m	17	†7:35 p m
TO ST. LOUIS.		FROM ST. LOUIS.	
8	*3:40 a m	6	*5:25 a m
11	*6:55 a m	4	*11:25 a m
5	†4:05 p m	14	*11:42 a m
15	*4:00 p m	10	†8:58 p m
1	*12:13 a m	2	*11:17 p m
7	*7:20 p m	12	*12:55 a m
		16 Sun. only	10:00 p m
TO TOLEDO.		FROM TOLEDO.	
6	*5:28 a m	1	*12:10 p m
4	†11:30 a m	7	*7:17 p m
2	*11:30 p m	5	†8:50 p m
10 Laf acm.	†4:41 p m	3	*3:20 a m
16 Dan. "	†8:45 a m	11	†10:07 a m
TO QUINCY.		FROM QUINCY.	
5	*4:07 p m	4	*11:20 a m
3	*5:40 a m	2	*10:40 p m
17 Spfd only	†7:40 p m	16 from Spfg.	†8:42 a m
11 Spfd acm	†10:11 a m	10 Effg. acm.	†4:37 p m

*Daily. †Daily except Sunday.

Vandalia Line.

In effect May 16, 1897.
Trains Leave Decatur, Illinois.
FOR THE WEST.
No. 7, Ex., Sun. 10:50 a. m. .... For Peoria
No. 21, Ex. Sun. 7:00 a. m. .... For Peoria
FOR THE EAST.
No. 2, Ex., Sun., 1:05 p. m. ...... For Terre Haute
No. 12, Ex. Sun. 7:40 a. m. ...... For Terre Haute

For complete Time Card, giving all trains and stations, and for full information as to rates, through cars, etc., address J. C. Millspaugh, T. P. A., Decatur, Ill., or E. A. Ford, Gen'l Pass. Agt., St. Louis, Mo.

Illinois Central.

NORTH.	SOUTH.
Diamond Special, daily ......1:32 a m	Diamond Special, daily ....2:55 a m
No. 104, daily, 11:25 a m	No. 125 pass. ex. Sunday ..... 9:30 a m
No. 194 freight ex. Sunday ......2:00 p m	No. 193 freight ex. Sunday ......10:10 a m
No. 107 pass. ex. Sunday ......6:11 p m	No. 123, daily, 3:32 p m
No. 702 (Champ'n line) leaves, ex. Sunday ......2:25 p m	No. 701 (Champ'n line) arrives ex. Sunday ......10:15 a m
No. 704—to Chicago, via Champa'n, daily 7:10 a m	No. 703—From Chicago, daily 7:55 p m
No. 120 daily to Chicago ......11:52 a m	No. 119 daily, to St. Louis ......2:58 p m

Peoria, Decatur and Evansville.

Arrive from Peoria	Arrive from Evansville
A No. 1 ......10:42 a. m.	A No. 2 ......2:41 p. m.
D No. 3 ......10:10 p. m.	A No. 4 ......6:15 a. m.
A No. 11 ......2:30 p. m.	S No. 30 ......7:10 a. m.
S No. 41 ......11:10 a. m.	S No. 40 ......3:10 p. m.
Depart for Peoria	Depart for Evansville
A No. 2 ......2:47 p. m.	A No. 1 ......10:50 a. m.
A No. 4 ......6:35 a. m.	D No. 3 ......10:20 p. m.
S No. 30 ......7:30 a. m.	A No. 11 ......3:15 p. m.
S No. 40 ......5:30 p. m.	S No. 41 ......11:30 a. m.
A No. 10 ......10:42 a. m.	"D"—Daily. "S" Sunday Only.
"A"—Daily Except Sunday.	

Indiana, Decatur & Western Ry Co.

ARRIVE.	LEAVE.
No. 1 Pass.... 2:25 p m	No. 4 Pass....10:50 p m
No. 3 Pass....*4:00 a m	No. 2 Pass....†11:25 a m
" 7 ....10:00 a m	" 8 ....4:00 a m
" 9 ....8:00 p m	" 10 ....4:00 p m

*Daily, †Except Sunday, ‡Sunday only

WABASH EXCURSIONS.

The Wabash Railroad will sell excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates to the following meetings:

Celeron, N. Y., (Lake Chautauqua,) account meeting of Photographers' Association. One fare round trip. Tickets sold July 11th and 12th, good returning not earlier than July 16th, and not later than July 20th.

Detroit, Mich., account annual convention National Republican League of the United States. One fare round trip. Tickets sold July 12th and 13th, good returning till July 16th.

Summer tickets now on sale to the mountains and sea shore.

Baptist Young People's Union, Chattanooga, Tenn., in July.

Epworth League, Toronto, July 15 to 18.

Tennessee Centennial and International Exposition, Nashville, Tenn., May 1st to Oct. 31st.

Sunday low rate tickets will be sold from all stations east of Mississippi River, except to points north of Bement on Chicago Division, Sundays at very low rates—good going and returning Sunday only.

St. Louis and return. Tickets sold every Saturday afternoon and Sunday. One fare round trip.

Chicago, Ill., account unveiling Logan monument July 21st and 22d. One fare round trip; tickets sold July 21st and 22d, with a return limit to July 26th.

Salt Lake City, July 14th to 17th, and July 20th to 25th. Trans-Mississippi Congress and Utah Pioneer Jubilee; one fare round trip.

Buffalo, N. Y., account G. A. R. Encampment, Sell August 21, 22 and 23; good returning till Sept. 30. One cent a mile.

Cincinnati, O., account German Epworth League, Sell July 21st and 22d; good returning till July 26th. One fare round trip.

Toronto, account Epworth League; sell July 13th, 14th and 15th; good returning till August 12th. Tickets on sale via all rail or via rail and lake. One fare round trip.

Homeseekers' Excursions to principal points in the South, West and Southwest on the first and third Tuesdays of each month; good returning every Tuesday or Friday for 21 days. One fare, plus $2 00, for the round trip.

Warsaw (Eagle Lake) Ind., account Winona Assembly. Sell daily till August 31st; good returning 15 days from date of sale. $7.10 round trip.

Indianapolis, Ind., account Y. P. C. U. Sell August 17th and 18th; good returning till Sept. 12th. One fare round trip.

Indianapolis, Ind., account S. of V. Sell Sept. 8th and 9th; good returning till Sept. 15th.

Chattanooga, Tenn., account B. Y. P. U. Sell July 13, 14 and 15; good returning till August 15. One fare round trip.

Palmer, Ill., account Farmers' Picnic. Tickets sold July 22d; one and one-third fare round trip; good returning same day.

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Tickets and full information concerning all of the above can be had of agents of the Illinois Central and connecting lines.

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The P., D. & E. Railway offer a low rate of $8.10 from Decatur with limit of ten days. Tickets of twenty day limit and also with limit Nov. 7th, may be had at a little higher rate. If any circular or information is desired it will be furnished upon inquiry from P. D. & E. Agent, or by writing direct to A. G. Palmer, who is General Passenger Agent at Evansville, Ind.

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SOCIETY MEETINGS.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY.—Regular meeting of L. A. S. of S. of V., this (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock, sharp. MARY I HAMSHER, Pres't. KITTIE DUNCAN, Sec'y.

LOCAL NEWS.

Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.

Irwin's Toilet Cream cures sunburn.

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. june 22-dtf

Rev. D. E. May will preach at Assumption next Sunday morning and evening.

Go via the Wabash to Chicago on cheap $2 00 excursion Saturday and Sunday, July 17th and 18th.

Extremely low prices on buggies and carriages for a short time only. Leon & Morris, 138 East Wood street.—28-d&wtf

The John McAnnally saloon on South Park street has been closed on a mortgage for $300. The place will be sold on July 23.

It felt something like a frost this morning. Everybody slept under winter quilts last night. The temperature at noon to-day was 74.

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Call at the Wabash city office and get a list of the attractions at Niagara Falls for the excursion of July 29th.

Chan Powers went to Pekin yesterday to take part in a shoot which will be held to-day and to morrow. He will then go to Clear Lake, Iowa, to shoot in another tournament.

The I. D. & W. Ry. will run a Sunday excursion to Indianapolis July 18. Rate $1 round trip. Special train will leave Decatur at 7 a. m., returning leave Indianapolis 6:30 p. m.—10-d1w

The Wabash will sell tickets to Chicago for $2.00 for trains 8:45 a. m., 11:45 a. m. of Saturday, July 17th, and 1:05 a. m. of Sunday, July 18th.

The Musician's Union of this city at a recent meeting voted to accept an invitation from the Peoria union to attend their second annual picnic, which will be held the latter part of this month.

E. B. Lewis is in the county jail charged with stealing a watch. He was arrested once before for the same charge but was released after a hearing before a justice. Mrs. Ballard, the complaining witness, then filed information in the county court and he is again held.

The Peoria, Decatur & Evansville Ry. Co. to Peoria, Sunday, July 18. Round trip 75 cents Don't miss it. Bicycles carried free in baggage car. Train leaves Union depot, Decatur, 7:30 a. m.; train leaves Union depot, Peoria, 7.30 p. m. A G. Palmer, Gen. Pass. Agent, Evansville, Ind H. B. Dyer, Decatur, Ill.—10-d6t

Martin Blenz was arrested last night on a state warrant sworn out by Dennis Murray, charging hi a with having sold to the complainant a horse and buggy for $40 which was mortgaged. Murray alleges that Blenz had told him that the rig was not mortgaged, but in a short time Murray had to give up the rig to a party whe held a mortgage.

Shot in the Leg.

Manard Cleghorn, aged 14, found an old pistol barrel with a 32 cartridge rusted in it. While he was trying to get the cartridge out the thing went off and the bullet entered his leg about three inches above the knee and buried itself in the bone. Dr. Laurens Enos extracted the ball.

Tanner at the Tab.

Dr. Tanner, who fasted forty days and nights, will address the Endeavor Rally at the Tabernacle next Sunday, morning and evening. He will deliver his great lecture at 3 o'clock in the after nooon.

Death of Mrs. Joseph Price.

Mrs. Joseph Price, aged about 20 years, daughter of E. B. Combs, died on Sunday at the family home, three miles west of Macon. The funeral took place to-day.

Raising a Church.

The United Brethren church is being raised by R. J. Roberts. The church is to be provided with a basement for the use of the congregation.

Chicago Millionaire Dead

Columbus R. Cummings, worth $10,000,000, died last night. He helped build the present Peoria, Decatur & Evansville railroad.

THE COUNTY BOARD.

Action on Report of Committee on Equalization of Taxes for 1897.

PROTESTS ON FOUR ASSESSMENTS.

Attorney Outten is Heard for W. H. Ennis—Overseer Gets a Horse for Use—Judges of Election Appointed.

The July meeting of the Macon county board of supervisors may come to an end day after the board takes action upon the protests filed by four taxpayers who had objected to assessments made in Decatur township. The board began business Monday afternoon with Chairman Bean in the chair, taking up the report of the committee on equalization of taxes.

Equalizing Taxes.

The committee on equalization of taxes reported that it had examined the books of the assessors and that it recommended that no change be made in the personal property and town lots assessment, but it recommended changes as follows in the assessment on farm lands:

	Ass'd.	Add.	Deduct.	Equaliz.
Austin.....	$13 72	5	..	$ 14.31
Blue Mound...	14 11	.	..	14.11
City of Decatur	251 40	..	..	251.40
Decatur tp....	25 39	..	17	21.08
Friend's Creek	11 42	..		11.42
Harristown	13 30	7	..	14 23
Hickory Point..	15 20	..	..	15 20
Illini..	12 46	15	.	14.33
Long Creek....	13.92	.	8	12 81
Maroa	12 89	20	.	15.47
Milam.....	14 53	..	2	14.25
Mt. Zion...	14 77	..	10	13.29
Niantic.....	14 01	.	.	14.01
Oakley....	12 74		9	11 65
Pleasant View	13 70	5	..	14.39
Macon	13.55	7	..	14.50
Wheatland. ..	11.51	3	..	11 85
Whitmore	12 61	..	8	11.09

The assessed value given above is the average value for each acre. In the case of Decatur, it is placed at $251.40 in the city. That includes all the improvements, and so on. Of course the assessor does not consider acres, but separate lots, and even parts of lots. The whole assessment for the city is put together and an average for each acre is reached.

The committee did not report in favor of changing the assessment on horses, cattle and mules as it had decided to do. It worked all day Saturday on the personal assessment but on Monday it was learned that it would cost the county $2,000 to $2,500 to make all the changes on the books, so it was decided to drop the whole matter of changing personal assessments.

The committee further recommended that it found that the Masonic and Eastern Star Home at Macon was not a public charitable institution not being open to the public, and therefore it recommended that the home be not exempt from taxation.

The report was adopted.

The contract for furnishing Macon county with coal at $1,50 and $1.63 per ton was awarded to the Decatur coal company by a vote of 15 to 7. Voting aye, Allen, Bean, Best, Davidson, Draper, Hays, Hollinger, Kipp, Lebo Lower, Magee, May, Orr, Record, Stoy, Wellepp. Voting nay, Graves, Mier, Nickey, Riber, Ruckner, Spence, Tucker. The other bidders were V. H. Parke & Son, and the Penfield Coal company of Pana.

The question of the appointment of assistant supervisors on the election boards was discussed. The judiciary committee had reported that there was no law authorizing such a course, and after States Attorney Mills had made a statement to the same effect the report was adopted.

The effort to have J. S. McClelland, overseer of the poor, provided with a horse and buggy at the county's expense failed of accomplishment.

Judges of Election.

Supervisor May submitted a list of judges of election for Decatur township. It was stated that all judges in the county also had to be appointed at the July meeting. It was also decided that as the list was read any assistant supervisor who wanted to serve as judge in his district should be given the opportunity of doing so when his district was called. All modestly declined, however.

The list is as follows.

Decatur Township.

First District—A. M. Taylor, J. L. Hedrick, P. F. Carroll.
Second—W. A. Holman, A. J. Thompson, R. A. Wilson.
Third—D. C. Shockley, James Freeman, I. W. Ehrman.
Fourth—John Lytle, Michael Dempsey, J. W. Bradfield.
Fifth—George DeWitt, Harry Fisk, R. F Jones.
Sixth—H. F. May, I. N. Martin, A. T. Davis
Seventh—B. McGorray, W. R Walters, W. S. Graham.
Eighth—Stanley Grimes, D. F. Ryan, W. W Foster
Ninth—William Dodson, H. A. Aldridge, R. F. Kincaid
Tenth—Frank Montag, James Cherry, F F. Salogga.
Eleventh—I. M. Lowe, J. H. Record. W. E. Knight.
Twelfth—C. H. Deetz, Steve Mahannah, E. E. Dilatush.
Thirteenth—J. W. Lytle, John Nicholls, W. G. Barnes.
Fourteenth—D. A. Reeme, E. T. Seger, R. T. Williams.

In the Country.

Austin—W. L. Gaines.
Blue Mound—W. H. Jennings, W. F. Elder, H. Lower
Friends Creek—J. N. Orr. H. M. Stever, A. L Bowersock,
Harristown—Jacob Levy, Cyrus Gossert, G. W. Waldorf.
Hickory Point—H. Hays, William Segrest, V. W. Benton.
Illini—C. J. Tucker, E. J. Roberts, C. W. French.
Long Creek—J. E. Rucker, W. A. Winnings, B F. Jennings.
Maroa—First District: Samuel Potter, W. J. Applegate, T. H. Barr. Second: D. Weilepp, J. S. McGrew, Charles Huff.
Milam—William Best, Charles Freeland, Lowell A. Smith.
Mt. Zion—W. L. Riber, C. B. Britton, J B. Henry.
Niantic—J. J. Graves, J. P. Faris, Robert Moore.
Oakley—M. A. Nickey, J. R. Likens, Edwin Huff.
Pleasant View—W. H. Bean, C. H. Bean, Jacob Morganstein.
Macon—O. H. Draper, F. M. Chamberlain, J. H. Leatherman.
Wheatland—Jacob H. Miller, J. N. Odor, O. M. Scowt.
Whitmore—Ross Hockaday.

On motion of Supervisor Stoy it was voted to purchase a new flag for use on the court house.

Supervisors Allen, May and Record were appointed to confer with the representatives of the city council in the matter of redistricting the voting places in Decatur township. Mr. Allen stated that some of the Decatur districts had 1000 voters, whereas the law requires not more than 450 in a district.

Supervisor Orr offered a motion that $300 be appropriated to be used by the tax collector of Decatur township to aid him in getting the present tax. It was asserted that many people failed to pay their personal tax. The point was raised by Supervisor May that there was no law authorizing an appropriation for such a purpose and the motion of Mr. Orr was lost

Supervisor Spence of the building committee said they had received bids for fitting up the annex to the county jail. The cost will be under $100, perhaps not over $375. They sold the old boiler to W. L. Oakes for $20. The report was adopted.

The report of the grand jury recommending that cooler drinking water be given the prisoners in the jail was read and placed on file.

Tuesday, July 13,

The board met this morning at 10 o'clock. Alderman Hill was present and asked that the members of State Typographical union be allowed to use the supervisors' room in which to hold their annual meeting on the first Tuesday in September. Supervisor Allen made a motion to grant the request and Mr. Bean said that he did not think it wise to establish the precedent of allowing organizations to meet in the rooms. The motion, however, carried and the use of the rooms was granted.

Supervisor Hollinger brought up the matter of the purchase of a horse for the overseer of the poor. He said that the overseer needed a horse badly and moved to reconsider the resolution that a horse be purchased for a price not exceeding $40. A motion to reconsider was carried and the resolution was passed. Mr. Hollinger moved that the superintendent of the poor farm buy a horse for the overseer and the motion was carried.

Protests Against Tax Assessments.

There being no other business the board took up the protests against the assessments which were filed yesterday. Those who protested were Mrs. L H. Ennis, W. H. Ennis, H. C. Johns and D. M. Garver. Attorney W. C. Outten was present at the board meeting and represented Mr. and Mrs Ennis. Mr. Bean said that the board should consider the appeals in the manner of impartial judges. The position of the persons appealing and the fact that the appeals had been rejected by another board should not be considered. Mr. Outten first took up the appeal of Mrs. Ennis who complained that the building on North Water street now occupied by Bartholomew's store was assessed too high. The attorney said that amount of assessment in every instance is a matter of comparison The Bartholomew store property was assessed at $5000, while the store buildings next to it were assessed at $4000. The buildings and property were very similar and Mr. Outten said that the Ennis property was not worth one-fourth more than the other buildings.

Assessor Foster asked to be allowed to speak. He claimed that the appeals had not been properly made and insisted that the opinion of the states attorney be given. Several times he interrupted Mr. Outten, asking that the examination be not carried on until the question was settled. States Attorney Mills was sent for and when he arrived later in the meeting he said that the appeals had been properly made as far as he could see

Attorney Outten brought up two other objections which were made by Mr. Ennis. One was the assessment on the home property on College Hill. Mr. Ennis owns one half of the square and Silas Packard the other. The Ennis property was assessed at $6,000 and the Packard property at $4000 Originally the Packard property was assessed at $5000 but $1000 was taken off. Mr. Foster said that Packard would have to pay just as much as if it had never been taken off, as $1000 had been added to his personal tax. Mr Outten thought that while the Ennis property was more valuable than the other there was not such a great difference.

The other complaint made by Mr. Ennis was on the assessment of a lot on Wabash avenue. The lots next to it some of which are improved, are assessed at $200, while Mr Ennis' property is assessed at $800

Mr. Outten called as a witness S. W. Johns. He testified in regard to the different pieces of property and, gave his opinion in regard to the value of the lots. Frank R. Shull was also a witness and gave his opinion on the matter.

At noon an adjournment was taken until 1:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon Session.

This afternoon Attorney Outten made a statement reviewing the evidence which had been introduced. Assessor Foster also made a statement. The Ennis residence property he claimed was worth $80,000 and was not assessed too high. The store building on North Water street he said was one of the longest on the street and the building he claimed brought 10 per cent on the amount invested. Mr. Outten said that the rents had been cut down and that they did not bring such high interest. The board confirmed both assessments.

In regard to the Ennis lot on Wabash avenue Mr. Foster said that it was not improved but if it was it would bring a good income. Supervisor Spence moved that the assessment of $800 be cut down to $600. This was seconded and an amendment was made by Mr. Record that it be cut down to $200, the amount of the assessment of the other lots in the block. Mr. Draper said that he thought the other lots were assessed too low and that the Ennis lot was not assessed too high at $600. The vote on the amendment was lost and the original motion to cut down the assessment to $600 was carried.

The appeals of W. C. Johns, attorney for the Decatur Heat, Light and Power company, and W. C. Johns attorney for H. C. Johns, were taken up and considered by the board.

The Johns protest was withdrawn and the Garver assessment was sustained.

The board then adjourned to the September term.

HEAT KILLED 59 HORSES.

Deaths on the Allerton Farms and at Other Points East of Decatur.

The last heated term was particularly disastrous to animal life. Twenty-three horses were killed on the large Allerton ranch near Hammond.

Twenty-five horses succumbed to the heat in the La Place neighborhood. A farmer operating an extensive tract near La Place went into his field and found his hired men in the shade. He reproached the workingmen for their seeming indolence and ordered them to drive ahead. Within an hour nine of his horses were dead.

So far as heard from ten horses succumbed to the heat near Cerro Gordo.

A Hammond farmer had a peculiar experience. While working in his field he noticed that one of his horses seemed much distressed by the heat, while its mate was apparently undisturbed. He started for home with the intention of replacing the overheated brute with a fresh horse. He had only gone a few rods, when the animal which had apparently not been affected by the heat fell dead in its tracks without a struggle.

Corn was so badly twisted by the wind last Saturday that many farmers will make no further efforts to cultivate their fields.

PLATFORM DANCE.

Big Social Event to Take Place This Evening at the Home of Henry Martin North of the City.

This evening there is to be a big platform dance at the home of Henry Martin, seven miles north of the city. It is to be one of the largest social events of the season. The affair has been in the course of arrangement for some time. Almost 200 ladies and gentlemen will drive out this afternoon. Everyone is to take their supper and a big picnic spread will be held after which there will be the dance. Waiters have been hired to assist in serving the supper and men will be at the place to take care of the vehicles. Every livery stable will send out men and ample preparations have been made for the horses.

A large platform 60x30 has been erected for the dancers. The opera house orchestra has been engaged and will furnish music. The weather is favorable for a dance and the event on the whole promises to be a pleasant one for those who attend.

Passengers Take Notice.

All children over six years of age will be charged full fare. In cases of more than one child half fare will be charged.

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